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PROCEEDINGS OF MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue:—

Submitting Report on Settlement and Collection of Revenues of Madras Presidency for Fusly 1278. } (Here enter 28th February 1870, No. 1,407.)

ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1870, No. 710.

Land Revenue.

THIS Report of the Board of Revenue on the settlement and collection of the revenues of the Presidency for Fusly 1278, or the revenue year ending 30th June 1869, is submitted at a comparatively early period, although two months later than the time prescribed in the Order of Government, dated 11th May 1869, No. 1,313. The Board explain that the latest District Report did not reach their office until November last, and that the unusual pressure of work in connection with the preparation of the Budgets prevented the earlier preparation of the General Report. They promise, however, to submit the Report of the present year at a much earlier date, should no extraordinary delay occur in the arrival of the District Reports. The Board will, however, be requested to enforce punctuality on the part of the Collectors in the transmission of their Reports, and the Government will be prepared to support them in any notice they may deem it necessary to take of delay on the part of the officers in the provinces.

2. The only territorial alteration of importance made during the year was the formation of the Neilgherry District under Act I. of 1868. The number of districts in the Presidency was thus raised from nineteen to twenty.

3. The gross revenue of the year amounted to Rupees 661,54,137 against Rs. 626,19,420 (inclusive of the License-tax collected in the Town of Madras) in 1867-68. The amount collected was thus in excess of that brought to account in any previous year.* The increase of Rupees 35,34,717 was the result of the more favourable character of the season and of the enhanced revenue derived from Salt, Sea Customs, and Stamps. The charges amounted to Rupees 62,61,759, or Rupees 3,73,006 above the expenditure of Fusly 1277, in consequence of the increased number of Assistants and the introduction of a higher rate of deputation allowance for officiating officers. The ratio of total charges to receipts, viz., 9·4, was nearly the same as in the previous year. The net revenue was Rupees 598,92,378 against Rupees 566,59,213 in Fusly 1277.

	RS.
* Fusly 1273..	626,72,913
„ 1276...	655,37,502
„ 1277...	626,19,420

4. *Season.*—The season was on the whole much better than the preceding one. The North-East Monsoon was a failure in most of the northern and southern districts, but the freshes in the large rivers, in some of them husbanded as they were by the anicuts, saved the paddy cultivation from destruction. Wet cultivation under rain-fed tanks, and dependent on uncertain rain-supplies, failed. The season in the inland and west coast districts, as also in Tinnevelly and in the greater part of Madura, was very good.

5. *Sanitary Condition.*—The Board remark that "public health was remarkably good." This remark is, strictly speaking, correct only as regards cholera and small-pox. There has

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been an increase in the deaths from fever and other diseases, and the death-rate of the year (15·06 per mille) is slightly higher than that of Fusly 1277, which was 13·95. This result is probably owing to greater accuracy in the Mortuary Returns.

6. The Government are concerned to learn that cattle suffered severely from murrain in several districts.

7. *Prices.*—The comparatively low prices of Fusly 1277 have fallen still, though slightly lower in the case of all dry grains which constitute the staple articles of food of the poorer classes of the population, and the increase in the price of paddy (second sort) could not have been much felt. In Ganjam, Vizagapatam, and Godavery, where the North-East Monsoon failed most, there was a considerable rise in the price of *all* grains; elsewhere the variations were too slight to have any material effect, the general tendency being downwards.

8. *Ryots' Holdings.*—The extent of land occupied on ryotwary tenure in all the districts, South Canara excepted, was Acres 192,12,865, assessed at Rupees 341,65,672, against Acres 190,05,610, assessed at Rupees 340,70,855, in Fusly 1277. The increase under dry and wet, making allowance for the Amani lands in Tanjore, brought under ryotwar settlement, alluded to in paragraph 10 of the Board's Report, is shown in the margin. The Board have included in the comparison the revenue or assessment of South Canara which vitiates the comparison, as there is no corresponding entry of area. Omitting this amount the result is an increase of upwards of two lacs of Acres, bearing an assessment of nearly a lac and half of Rupees.

	Extent. Acres	Assessment. RS.
Dry	+ 2,02,768	+ 1,45,013
Wet	+ 4,469	− 50,312
Total...	+ 2,07,237	+ 94,701

9. Under "wet" there was an increase of more than 4,400 Acres in the extent of the holdings, but a decrease of half-a-lac of Rupees in the assessment. In the Kistna District alone there was a marked relinquishment of 21,838 Acres, assessed at Rupees 1,19,620. Among other causes for the abandonment of this large extent of land, the Board allude to the deterioration of the soil by Chavudu, or the efflorescence of salt caused by the action of fresh-water on regar soil, and the enhancement of the wet assessment by the introduction of the new settlement rates. These points have been fully entered into by Mr. C. G. Master in his Report on the falling off of cultivation in the Kistna District, and will receive consideration when the Board's remarks on Mr. Master's Report reach the Government.

——	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
	RS.	RS.
Assessment on actual buildings....................	340,70,971	341,65,672
Deduct waste—		
Remitted	15,18,913	11,99,635
Remainder................ ...	325,52,058	329,66,037
Add—		
Second crop assessment....	4,76,734	5,32,297
Additional assessment......	3,91,451	4,08,998
Water-tax	9,40,378	9,40,792
Revenue of South Canara..	13,88,138	13,85,104
	357,48,759	362,33,228
Deduct—		
Remissions	30,17,981	24,70,601
	327,25,778	337,62,627

10. *Ryotwar Settlement.*—The actual ryotwar settlement of the Presidency amounted to Rupees 337,62,627, against Rs. 327,25,778.

The extent of land actually cultivated shows an increase of Acres 2,25,465, bearing the assessment of Rs. 1,92,305. Under the head "Lands left waste" there was a decrease of 18,210 Acres, assessed at Rupees 95,522. These figures and the variations in almost all the other subordinate items of the settlement given in the margin, bear unmistakeable evidence of improvement.

11. *Remissions.*—The "occasional and waste" remissions, which vary with the character of the season, show a decrease indicating the generally successful issue of the ryot's labour. The remissions would have been still less but for the scantiness of the monsoon in six of the twenty districts.

	Fusly 1277. RS.	Fusly 1278. RS.
Waste remissions	15,18,912	11,99,635
Occasional remissions	22,31,759	15,07,027

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12. The remissions of a fixed character and deductions from the collections on account of the remuneration of village servants, etc., need no particular notice. The large increase under the latter head is owing to the pay of village servants having been for the first time deducted from the assessment in the districts of Tanjore, Godavery, and Tinnevelly.

	Remissions of a fixed character.	Deductions from beriz.
	RS	RS.
Fusly 1277...	97,801	6,88 421
„ 1278...	1,12,678	8,50,896
Increase...	14,877	1,62,475

13. *Peichcush or Zemindary Revenue*.—The permanently settled revenue of the year from Zemindaries and Mootahs amounted to Rupees 51,46,522 against Rupees 51,32,859 in Fusly 1277. The increase of Rupees 13,663 was the result mainly of the collection of water-rate in the Goodoor Purganah, and the restoration of two estates in the Kistna District to the persons who claimed them.

14. *Shrotriem and Inam Quit-rent.*—The increase of Rupees 2,611 under the head of Shrotriem and Inam Quit-rent is a nominal one, consisting merely of a transfer to this item from Land Revenue Miscellaneous to which the sum was formerly erroneously credited.

	RS.
Fusly 1277...	6,68,117
„ 1278...	6,70,728
Increase...	2,611

15. *Miscellaneous.*—The revenue from the various minor items classed under this head amounted to Rupees 34,95,113 against Rupees 34,55,311 in Fusly 1277. The increase is the combined result of the sum of Rupees 89,425, the sale-proceeds of escheated lands in Malabar, having been credited for the first time to Land Revenue, and to the decrease of Rupees 1,36,877 in the rent of islands in the Godavery District. The decrease was due partly to the introduction of the new settlement rates and partly to certain lunkahs or islands in the river having been left unoccupied in consequence of the bad out-turn of the Tobacco crop on them in the previous season.

16. The total Land Revenue Demand of the year under all heads amounted to Rupees 430,74,990 against Rupees 419,81,948 in Fusly 1277. The increase was Rupees 10,93,042.

17. *Special Products.*—There was a decrease in the cultivation of Sugar-cane and Cotton which the Board attribute, in the case of the former, to want of water in several districts, and, in that of the latter, partly to the season and partly to the ever-varying state of the market.

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
	RS.	RS.
Sugar-cane...	41,738	39,771
Cotton...	14,86,861	13,41,365
Indigo...	1,16,880	1,62,015

The prospect of a good Jonna crop in the Ceded Districts appears to have also checked the cultivation of Cotton. The cultivation of Indigo in Cuddapah, Bellary, and Kurnool was also largely influenced by an increased demand in the market for that article.

18. The demand on account of sundry sources of revenue is shown in the subjoined table :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Difference.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Abkarry...	53,27,863	49,05,543	—4,22,320
Income-tax ...	....	73,900	+ 73,900
License-tax ...	5,48,941	5,07,511	— 41,430
Salt	105,62,247	111,98,249	+6,36,002
Sea Customs ...	24,11,354	25,88,750	+1,77,396
Land Customs..	1,51,606	1,89,756	+ 38,150
Stamps ...	35,89,001	39,49,938	+3,60,937
Total...	225,91,012	234,13,647	+4,63,750

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19. *Abkarry.*—The decrease of nearly 4¼ lacs under Abkarry was the combined result of an increase of Rupees 1,33,260 in ten districts, and a decrease of Rupees 5,55,580 in as many; but this falling off in this branch of revenue in the year under report has been fully recovered in the present year.

20. *Income and License Taxes.*—The Income-tax which was in operation during the last three months of the Fusly superseded the License-tax which was collected up to that time, and the revenue entered under the former head consists only of deductions made from the salaries of Government officials. No fair comparison can therefore be instituted under these heads.

21. *Salt.*—The demand under "Salt" shows the large addition of Rupees 6,36,000 to the revenue of Fusly 1277, which has occurred chiefly in the districts noted in the margin. The sales in the first two districts, respectively, were chiefly influenced by the demand from Hyderabad, in consequence of the stores there having been exhausted, and by the further extension of the north-west line of Railway towards Bellary. Compared with the collections of the last five years, the revenue under this head (Rupees 1,11,98,247) is more than that realized in any year, except Fusly 1276, and exceeds the average of those years by more than 8¼ lacs.

	RS.
Kistna...	3,68,541
Madras	1,32,317
South Arcot	53,003
Malabar	75,695

	RS.
Fusly 1273...	94,78,845
„ 1274...	99,17,221
„ 1275...	1,62,85,487
„ 1276...	1,15,87,979
„ 1277...	1,05,62,247
Total...	5,18,31,779
Average...	1,03,66,356

22. The quantity of Salt sold in the year was 71,87,473 Indian Maunds against 66,69,562 in Fusly 1277. The balance in store at the close of the former year was not only less than the balance of Fusly 1277, but was also below the average of the previous five years by more than 9¾ lacs. This decrease is owing chiefly to the quantity manufactured having on the whole fallen short by nearly 4¼ lacs of Maunds. The falling off in the Madras District alone amounted to no less than 6¼ lacs of Maunds, in consequence of the manufacture in the northern pans having been suspended till April 1869, from the fact of the Ennore Bar not having been opened until that time. The Board will be requested to take early steps in the present year to guard against a similar contingency, reducing the quantity in store below the usual standard.

	RS.
Fusly 1277...	96,10,067
„ 1278...	86,80,636
Decrease ..	9,29,481

23. The charges of the Salt Department amounted to Rupees 13,86,060 against Rupees 12,80,916, notwithstanding the smaller quantity manufactured. An examination of the figures in the latter part of paragraph 44 of the Board's Report shows, that while there was a large decrease under all items, more or less affected by the quantity manufactured, there was an increase of Rupees 61,348 under "Purchase of manufacturer's share" owing, as the Board remark, to the payment of the kudiwaram of the previous year in Fusly 1278. The entire expenditure of Rupees 46,957 under "Petty Construction and Repairs" also appears nominally under the increase from the absence of a similar item of charge in the Returns of 1277.

24. The net Salt Revenue of the year amounted to Rupees 98,11,195, showing an increase of Rupees 5,32,974 over the net revenue of Fusly 1277, and of 7,87,000 over the average* net revenue of the last five years.

25. The total wastage of Salt in the year was Indian Maunds 1,93,527, and, under the explanation given by the Board in paragraph 43, sanction is granted for writing off this quantity.

	RS.
Demand	111,98,249
Deduct Balance	994
Actual Collection	111,97,255
Deduct Charges	13,86,060
Net Revenue	98,11,195

	RS.
* Fusly 1273	84,74,958
„ 1274	85,19,728
„ 1275	86,77,589
„ 1276	101,70,053
„ 1277	92,78,221
Total...	451,20,499
Average...	90,24,099

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	RS.
Sea Customs	1,77,396
Land Customs...	38,150
Total...	2,15,546

26. *Sea and Land Customs.*—The aggregate increase of Rupees 2,15,546 under these heads is the result of the general improvement in trade throughout the Presidency, except in South Arcot, in which district there was a falling off of Rupees 21,331 in the collections.

27. *Stamps.*—The Stamp Revenue shows an increase of Rupees 3,60,937, which is attributed to the number of Stamps required for the renewal of the Abkarry leases, as also to the gradual progress of trade and the increase of the wealth of the country.

28. *Demand, Collection, and Balance of Current Revenue.*—The total demand on account of all sources of revenue amounted to Rupees 664,88,637, of which Rupees 614,57,261, or a little more than ninety-two per cent., was collected within the Fusly. The subsequent collections up to October 1869 amounted to Rupees 37,57,738, leaving a balance of only Rupees 12,73,638, or less than two per cent.

29. This punctuality in the collection of the public revenues is highly creditable to the Revenue officers. The explanation given by the Board of the outstanding balances requires notice. The balance of peishcush against the Ramnad Zemindary amounted to Rupees 2,05,759. The Board state that the collection from this estate is allowed to remain in abeyance, pending the disposal of the proposition to place it under Government management, and the arrear may continue to lie over. The balance due from the late Abkarry Renter of the Madras District, too, should not be allowed to stand over. The Government in their Order, dated 11th February 1870, requested the Board to ascertain the grounds on which the additional lease of one year was conceded to him, and to obtain the original or copy of the petition presented by him on the subject. This Order should receive immediate attention, and the Board will consider whether the arrears cannot be recovered from the Renter, leaving any compensation claimed by him for future settlement.

30. *Demand, Collection, and Balance of Arrears.*—The total demand on account of arrears amounted to Rupees 64,83,683 at the commencement of the Fusly. Deducting the collections and remissions both within and subsequent to the Fusly up to 31st October 1869, the balance left was Rupees 11,13,701, and of this, the sum of Rupees 3,28,580-14-5 is stated to be irrecoverable.

31. Under the explanation given in paragraphs 56 to 60 of the Board's report, sanction is granted for writing off the entire amount of Rupees 3,28,580-14-5.

32. The recoverable and doubtful balances should be determined as soon as possible. The Fuslywar Statement, appended to paragraph 62 of the Board's Report, does not give the particulars necessary to enable the Government to ascertain the districts in which old items remain unadjusted "at the close of the Fusly," for which the Report is submitted as required in paragraph 29 of the Order, dated 11th May 1869, No. 1,313. As remarked by the Board, the Collectors should take steps to adjust these balances at the earliest possible date.

	Fusly 1277. RS.	Fusly 1278. RS.
Number of persons against whom Processes were issued	58,344	48,742
Revenue realized by actual sales	1,33,631	1,05,490

33. The resort to the coercive process during the year was rare, considering the increased revenue realized in Fusly 1278. The comparison of the number of ryots against whom processes were issued, and of the revenue collected by actual sales, with the figures of Fusly 1277 under the same heads as shown in the margin, is very satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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No. 1,407.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th February 1870.

Prefatory.—The Board resolve to submit to Government their report on the Settlement and Collection of the Revenues of the Madras Presidency for Fusly 1278, (A. D. 1868-69,) together with the prescribed Statements illustrative of the results. A file of the printed reports of Collectors accompanies it.

2. Territorial Changes. District.—*In the number of Districts*—During the year under report the Neilgherries were constituted into a separate district and placed under a Commissioner by Act I. of 1868 from the 1st August 1868. Thus the number of districts in the Presidency was raised from 19 to 20.

3. Talooks.—*In the number of Talooks*—The total number of Talooks under Ryotwar Settlement was the same as in Fusly 1277, viz., 156, but in the District of Coimbatore the Neilgherry Talook was taken away to form the new district of that name.

Fuslies.	Talooks.	Villages.	Puttahs.
1277.........	156	27,847	23,59,325
1278.........	156	27,816	23,58,051
		Decrease... 31	Decrease... 1,274

4. Villages.—*In the number of Ryotwar villages.* There have been variations in several districts, as noted in the margin.

Districts.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ganjam	...	10
Vizagapatam	...	1
Kistna	...	15
Nellore	...	1
Cuddapah	1	...
Bellary	...	2
South Arcot	...	3
Madura	...	1
Tinnevelly	1	...
Coimbatore	...	16
Neilgherries	17	...
Malabar	...	1
Total...	19	50
Net...	...	31

In Ganjam, 15 Khond Hamlets were struck off the account, having been deserted. Three villages were brought under Ryotwar from rents for more than one year, and two, the revenue of which had appeared hitherto under Land Revenue Miscellaneous, were added to the list of Ryotwar villages.

In Vizagapatam, a small Ryotwary village, with an assessment of 2 rupees, was deserted, being over-grown with jungle.

In the Kistna District, 14 villages comprising the Vissennapett Mootah, and another named Chanubanda, were made over to Zemindars under Orders* of Government.

In Nellore a village in the Kavali Talook was restored† to the Shrotriemdars.

* Government Order, dated 3rd February 1868, No. 297.
" " dated 23rd August 1869, No. 1,011.
† Government Order, dated 12th Septemer 1867, No. 2,152.

In South Arcot, 3 villages passed from Ryotwar to Amani.

In Madura, the village of Nallapollem, in the Pulney Talook, was transferred to the Talook of Dharapurum, in the Coimbatore District.

Notification *Fort Saint George Gazette*, dated 17th July 1868.

The District of Coimbatore had an access of one village from Madura as stated above, and parted with 17 to the Neilgherry District.

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A Shrotriem village was resumed and added to the number of Ryotwar villages in the Tinnevelly District.

The decrease of one village in Malabar was caused by the incorporation of a very small village with a larger one in the Ponany Talook.

Board's Proceedings, 6th May 1868, No. 3,312.

The increase of 17 villages marked against the Neilgherry Talook is nominal.

5. Number of Puttahs.—The number of Puttahs issued during Fusly 1278 was nearly the same as that in the preceding year, as will be seen from the following abstract. The extraordinarily large variations in the numbers of "fresh puttahs," and of "old puttahs modified by additional entries" are due to the issue for the first time of puttahs in book-form in several districts, and are consequently of a nominal character. Strictly speaking, the puttahs recopied and issued in book-form are not fresh puttahs, and the Collectors would have done well not to have exhibited them under that head in the accounts. The fallacious results now presented by the accounts would have been avoided and the real transactions of the year would have appeared in their true comparison with the previous year:—

Fuslies.	Number of fresh puttahs.	Old puttahs modified by additional entries.	Old puttahs not altered.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
1277	5,26,978	6,69,903	11,62,444	23,59,325
1278	11,18,214	2,05,175	10,34,662	23,58,051
	Increase. 5,91,236	Decrease. 4,64,728	Decrease. 1,27,782	Decrease. 1,274

6. Season.—The season of Fusly 1278 opened very propitiously, but ended in great disappointment over the greater part of the Presidency. The south-west monsoon was both timely and abundant, but the north-east monsoon was light in some and utterly insufficient in many districts. A Comparative Table of rain-fall is given below:—

Districts.	April to September 1868.	October 1868 to March 1869.	Total from April 1868 to March 1869.	Total from April 1867 to March 1868.
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
1. Ganjam	20·40	2·14	22·54	48·26
2. Vizagapatam	32·64	1·43	34·07	49·89
3. Godavery	17·37	1·73	19·10	30·57
4. Kistna	24·26	2·69	26·95	29·21
5. Nellore	14·40	10·66	25·06	21·61
6. Cuddapah	12·93	4·15	17·08	17·12
7. Bellary	18·35	2 40	20·75	13·87
8. Kurnool	21·99	2·34	24·33	22·00
9. Madras	10·23	7·79	18·02	15·15
10. North Arcot	13 90	10·10	24·00	17·06
11. South Arcot	10·91	9·65	20·56	25·08
12. Tanjore	13·34	14·13	27·47	22·58
13. Trichinopoly	19·40	9·96	29·36	28·92
14. Madura	15·49	12·77	28·26	25·59
15. Tinnevelly	9·91	19·48	29·39	30·24
16. Coimbatore	13·59	6·16	19·75	22·33
17. Neilgherries	9·87	23·57	33·44	......
18. Salem	19·53	6·82	26·35	26·41
19. South Canara	134·52	4·30	138·82	127·19
20. Malabar	98·98	8·66	107·64	97·33

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The Godavery and Kistna received very high freshes, but the Cauvery only a moderate supply. The system of anicut irrigation under these great rivers saved the extensive paddy crops under them in the Districts of Godavery, Kistna, Tanjore, Trichinopoly, and part of South Arcot, from the destruction which would otherwise have been inevitable from the failure of the north-east monsoon, Disaster however overtook all the wet cultivation dependant on rain-fed tanks and uncertain river supplies in the less favoured districts of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Nellore, Madras, and North Arcot. In the inland Districts of Kurnool, Bellary, Cuddapah, Salem, and Coimbatore, the season was more or less propitious both for wet and dry crops; in South Canara, Malabar and Tinnevelly it was decidedly good, and in Madura it was fairly so. A portion of the district however suffered severely from the absence of the later rains. The out-turn of the dry crops may be said to have been generally fair in all the districts, and that of the wet crops under permanent sources of irrigation was very good. Such wet crops as were entirely dependent for their maturity on the north-east monsoon yielded a very scanty return or withered altogether.

7. Sanitary Condition.—Public health was remarkably good in the season of Fusly 1278. Cholera was altogether unknown in three,* and nearly so in nine districts. It prevailed, however, in four districts, and caused greater mortality than in the year before. Fever was very prevalent in many districts, and in Ganjam and in the Ceded Districts assumed a malignant character. Small-pox of a virulent type visited nearly all the districts. The usual abstract statement compiled from the Mortuary Returns is annexed. There is a slight increase in the death rate of the year under report. Cattle suffered much from murrain in several districts.

* Kistna.
Godavery.
Neilgherries.

Districts.	Population.	Deaths.					Ratio per mille.
		Cholera.	Small-pox.	Fever.	Other diseases.	Total.	
Ganjam	12,35,790	429	338	8,222	7,290	16,279	13·17
Vizagapatam ...	15,05,045	109	556	7,250	11,171	19,086	12·68
Godavery... ...	14,27,472	......	1,165	6,955	12,757	20,877	14·62
Kistna	12,96,652	......	1,719	2,205	15,824	19,748	15·23
Nellore	11,68,664	6	2,003	2,089	14,980	19,078	16·34
Cuddapah... ...	11,44,759	155	1,606	9,115	9,591	20,467	17·87
Bellary	13,04,998	1,488	2,102	8,845	12,955	25,390	19·45
Kurnool	7,70,857	1,357	1,623	8,523	6,355	17,858	23·16
Madras	* 8,04,283	3	1,097	2,198	10,934	14,232	17·69
North Arcot ...	17,87,134	113	2,082	7,820	21,014	31,029	17·36
South Arcot ...	12,61,846	54	1,064	2,504	10,372	13,994	11·09
Tanjore	16,70,233	261	2,684	6,670	24,072	33,687	20·16
Trichinopoly ...	10,06,826	77	514	2,470	10,701	13,762	13·66
Madura	19,46,389	67	1,197	3,999	10,613	15,876	8·15
Tinnevelly ...	15,26,698	80	1,878	2,544	15,708	20,210	13·23
Coimbatore ...	13,93,582	15	664	3,381	11,724	15,784	11·33
Neilgherries ...	38,142	.....	98	425	286	809	21·21
Salem	16,19,233	60	852	7,085	12,168	20,165	12·45
South Canara...	8,36,019	137	113	5,536	10,780	16,566	19·81
Malabar	18,49,671	79	715	11,269	18,636	30,699	16·60
Total...	2,55,94,293	4,490	24,070	1,09,105	2,47,931	3,85,596	15·06

* Exclusive of the Town of Madras.

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8. **Prices of Agricultural Produce.**—The price of paddy, both first and second sort, was slightly higher, and that of cholum, cumboo, and raggy, slightly lower than in the previous year. In Nellore, Cuddapah, Kurnool, and Bellary, the fall in the price of cholum was very considerable, in consequence of the good harvest.

Grains.	Average price per Madras garce for ten years Fuslies 1268 to 1277.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase or decrease in Fusly 1278, as compared with the average.	Per centage of columns 2 and 5.	Increase or decrease in Fusly 1278, as compared with Fusly 1277.	Per centage of columns 3 and 7.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.		RS.	
1st sort Paddy, per garce.	179	183	191	+ 12	+ 7	+ 8	+ 4
2nd do. do. ...	163	164	170	+ 7	+ 4	+ 6	+ 3
Cholum	206	209	201	— 5	— 2	— 8	— 4
Cumboo	191	191	185	— 6	— 3	— 6	— 3
Raggy	193	202	198	+ 5	+ 2	— 4	— 2
Horse-gram	234	233	234	......	......	+ 1	......

The price of second sort paddy was on the increase, chiefly in the northern districts affected by the north-east monsoon.

Districts.	Price per Garce.								
	Average of five years from Fuslies 1262 to 1266.	Average of five years from Fuslies 1267 to 1271.	Average of five years from Fuslies 1272 to 1276.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase as compared with column 2.	Increase as compared with column 3.	Increase or decrease as compared with column 4.	Increase or decrease on column 5.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	63	84	127	84	107	44	23	— 20	+ 23
2. Vizagapatam ...	74	101	144	77	136	62	35	— 8	+ 59
3. Godavery	81	94	137	88	114	33	20	— 23	+ 26
4. Kistna...	103	116	178	142	146	43	30	— 32	+ 4
5. Nellore	104	127	178	176	167	63	40	— 11	— 9
6. Cuddapah	109	154	228	227	202	93	48	— 26	— 25
7. Bellary	92	135	233	193	162	70	27	— 71	— 31
8. Kurnool	113	141	225	197	177	64	36	— 48	— 20
9. Madras	106	140	176	192	206	100	66	+ 30	+ 14
10. North Arcot ...	92	134	171	176	180	88	46	+ 9	+ 4
11. South Arcot ...	92	136	163	154	170	78	34	+ 7	+ 16
12. Tanjore	83	131	160	157	154	71	23	— 6	— 3
13. Trichinopoly ...	108	153	190	194	180	72	27	— 10	— 14
14. Madura	100	163	221	231	202	102	39	— 19	— 29
15. Tinnevelly... ...	119	161	223	200	196	77	35	— 27	— 4
16. Coimbatore ...	115	181	226	222	227	112	46	+ 1	+ 5
17. Salem...	93	157	185	189	178	85	21	— 7	— 11
18. South Canara ...	96	137	176	144	148	52	11	— 28	+ 4
19. Malabar	98	164	210	178	189	91	25	— 21	+ 11

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9. RYOTWAR HOLDINGS OR LAND OCCUPIED.—*Statement No.* 3.—The following is the abstract of Return No. 3, illustrating Ryots' Holdings. As usual the particulars regarding South Canara are omitted, the extent of land under occupancy being unknown; but the total assessment of the district is added at foot of the Statement:—

Items.	DRY.		WET.		TOTAL.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	Acres.	RS.	Acres.	RS.	Acres.	RS.
Holdings at the beginning of Fusly 1278	154,37,352	167,84,431	35,68,276	172,86,540	190,05,628	340,70,971
Deduct lands given up...	7,21,797	7,71,704	1,14,602	5,53,790	8,36,399	13,35,494
Remainder... ...	147,15,555	160,12,727	34,53,674	167,32,750	181,69 229	327,45,477
Add lands newly taken up	9,24,565	9,16,717	1,19,071	5,03,478	10,43,636	14,20,195
Total... ...	156,40,120	169,29,444	35,72,745	172,36,228	192,12,865	341,65,672
Deduct waste remitted...	1,62,528	2,18,614	2,21,013	9,81,021	3,83,541	11,99,635
Waste charged	15,57,640	13,08,486	1,11,159	4,46,741	16,68,799	17,55,227
Actual cultivation...	139,19,952	154,02,344	32,40,573	158,08,466	171,60,525	312,10,810
Total... ...	154,77,592	167,10,830	33,51,732	162,55,207	188,29,324	329,66,037
Add the Beriz of South Canara, for which no particulars can be had ...	......	......	......	......	......	13,85,104
Total... ...	154,77,592	167,10,830	33,51,732	162,55,207	188,29,324	343,51,141

10. The total of holdings brought forward at the beginning of the year will be found to differ by acres 18, with an assessment of Rupees 116, from that given in the report of Fusly 1277. This is in consequence of certain Amani lands in Tanjore having been brought under Ryotwar Settlement.

11. The result of the year is a net increase in Holdings (Dry and Wet) of acres 2,07,237, assessed at Rupees 96,667, chiefly under dry * lands in nearly all the districts. The large decrease however under Dry †, in the Godavery district, is attributed to the circumstance of certain lands of that description being permanently classed as wet after three years successive cultivation with wet crops. The very large increase ‡ under Dry in Madura is explained to be mainly due to the 'enclosed waste' having been included in Ryots' Puttahs in the Dindigul Division under the orders § of the Board. In Cuddapah and Bellary, there is an increase in the area and a decrease in assessment In the former district, the increase in the area is due to lands newly taken up on Durkhast and the decrease in assessment to the reduction ‖ of Rupees 16,635-7-8 in the assessment on dry lands irrigated by private wells. In the latter district, the cause of this result is stated to be that the lands newly taken up bore a lighter assessment than those relinquished.

	Acres.	Assessment.
		RS.
Fusly 1277	190,05,628	354,54,109
„ 1278	192,12,865	355,50,776
Increase...	2,07,237	96,667

NOTE.—This includes *assessment* of South Canara but without extent.

	Acres.	Assessment.
		RS.
*	2,02,768	1,45,018
†	19,675	17,967
‡	41,176	44,711

§ Board's Proceedings, 24th February 1865, No. 1,129

Dry.	Acres. Increase.	Assessment Decrease.
		RS
Cuddapah............	15,576	12,009
Bellary............	31,486	3,455

‖ Board's Proceedings, 4th September 1868, No. 6,301.

12. In the wet holdings, the net result shows an increase of Acres 4,469, but a decrease in assessment of Rupees 50,312. The most marked relinquishment occurred in the Kistna District,

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amounting in extent to Acres 21,838 and in assessment to Rupees 1,19,620, and occurred mostly in one talook, Gudiwada, lying immediately under the Kistna anicut. This result is attributed by the Collector to various causes: one is the deterioration of the soil by Chavudu or the efflorescence of salt caused by the action of fresh water on regur soil, another is the insufficient capacity of the channel to supply irrigation to a constantly increasing breadth of cultivation, and another, which is stated to be a most potent one, is the enhancement of the wet assessment by the introduction of the new settlement rates. The variations under wet land in several districts were small and require no notice.

13. Ryotwary—*Lands brought under Cultivation.*—Out of the holdings noted in the beginning of paragraph 11, the actual cultivation was as shown by the marginal figures. Compared with the previous year, the result was a net increase of Acres 2,25,465, and assessment Rupees 1,92,305. There was an increase in twelve and a decrease in seven districts in the *extent* brought under cultivation. The chief among the former are those noted in the margin.* Among the latter, South Arcot is conspicuous, the decrease in cultivation being Acres 26,180.

	Acres.	Assessment. RS.
Fusly 1277	1,69,35,060	3,24,03,609
„ 1278	1,71,60,525	3,25,95,914
Increase..	2,25,465	1,92,305

Note.—Includes South Canara without extent.

	Acres.
* Bellary	75,738
Madura	82,784
Cuddapah	28,018
Tanjore	22,482
Malabar	16,221
Nellore	17,632

14. Ryotwar—*Land left waste.*—Out of the lands occupied as noticed in paragraph 11, Acres 20,52,340, assessed at Rupees 29,54,862 were left waste; of this the ryots were made to pay for Acres 16,68,799, assessed at Rupees 17,55,227, and the Government relinquished their dues upon Acres 3,83,541, assessed at Rupees 11,99,635.

	Acres.	Assessment. RS.
Fusly 1277	20,70,550	30,50,384
„ 1278	20,52,340	29,54,862
Decrease...	18,210	95,522

15. Ryotwar—*Waste charged.*—The comparison with the preceding Fusly shows a net increase of Rupees 2,23,755, resulting from a gross increase of Rupees 2,79,346 in 14, and a gross decrease of Rupees 55,591 in 5 districts. Of the waste thus charged, Rupees 13,08,486 were on dry and Rupees 4,46,741 were on wet land. The districts in which this sum was chiefly charged were those noted in the margin. Much dry waste is retained for pasturage in several of the districts. The increase over last year, in the item of waste charged, which is observed to occur chiefly in the districts noted in the margin,* does not require particular explanation, because, as a rule, no remission is granted on dry waste in ordinairily good years.

	Acres.	Assessment RS.
Fusly 1277	14,96,476	15,31,472
„ 1278	16,68,799	17,55,227
Increase...	1,72,323	2,23,755

	Dry. RS.	Wet. RS.	Total. RS.
Coimbatore	2,51,995	31,296	2,83,291
Kistna	1,96,739	25,861	2,22,600
Godavery	1,89,909	28,798	2,18,707
Tinnevelly	1,17,230	83,300	2,00,530
Tanjore	54,923	1,26,835	1,81,758
South Arcot	1,43,121	24,873	1,67,994
Nellore	1,15,840	17,441	1,33,281

	RS.
* Nellore	33,307
Bellary	29,273
North Arcot	35,200
South Arcot	55,323
Tinnevelly	28,960
Coimbatore	56,886

16. Ryotwary Settlement.—The actual Ryotwary settlement is formed by deducting from the total holdings the waste remitted as alluded to in paragraph 14 and adding to the actual cultivation (1) the portion of the waste, charged (2) the assessment on account of second crop cultivation, (3) additional assessment water-tax, and (5) miscellaneous items, all of which will be briefly alluded to hereafter, and deducting therefrom on account of (1) Occasional Remission (2), Fixed Remission, and (3) on account of Village Establishments and sundry other objects.

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17. The settlements of Ryotwar Revenue thus made for the fusly under report amounted to Rupees 3,72,57,740, against Rupees 3,61,81,088 in the preceding year, resulting in an increase of Rupees 10,76,652, as will be seen from the following comparative abstract.

	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	Acres.	RS.	Acres.	RS.	Acres.	RS.	Acres.	RS.
Dry	1,54,37,352	1,67,84,481	1,56,40,120	1,69,29,444	2,02,768	1,45,013	......	......
Wet...	35,68,276	1,72,86,540	35,72,745	1,72,36,228	4,469	......	......	50,312
Total...	1,90,05,628	3,40,70,971	1,92,12,865	3,41,65,672	2,07,237	94,701	......	......
Add South Canara...	......	13,83,138	......	13,85,104	......	1,966	......	......
Total...	1,90,05,628	3,54,54,109	1,92,12,865	3,55,50,776	2,07,237	96,667	......	......
Second Crop Assessment	......	4,76,734	......	5,32,297	......	55,563	......	......
Additional Assessment	......	3,91,451	......	4,08,998	......	17,547	......	......
Water Tax	......	9,40,373	......	9,40,792	......	414	......	......
Total...	......	3,72,62,672	......	3,74,32,863	......	1,70,191	......	......
Deduct.								
Waste remissions...	......	15,18,913	......	11,99,635	......	......	......	3,19,278
Other remissions ...	......	30,17,981	......	24,70,601	......	......	......	5 47,380
Total...	......	45,36,894	......	36,70,236	......	......	......	8,66,658
Remainder	......	3,27,25,778	......	3,37,62,627	......	10,36,849	......	......
Add Miscellaneous items	......	34,55,310	......	34,95,113	......	39,803	......	......
Total...	......	3,61,81,088	......	3,72,57,740	......	10,76,652	......	......

18. Ryotwary Settlement—*2nd Crop Cultivation.*—The revenue derived from the cultivation of two crops upon land assessed for a single crop was for the year under review Rupees 5,32,297, against Rupees 4,76,734 in Fusly 1277. The districts from which this item of revenue is chiefly derived are named in the margin. The increase obtained in Fusly 1278 was chiefly in Bellary and Cuddapah owing to the favourable season.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	4,76,734
,, 1278	5,32,297
Increase......	55,563

	RS.
Bellary	1,01,488
Trichinopoly	85,772
Madras	67,477
Cuddapah	63,871
Tanjore	63,323
Madura	48,689

19. Ryotwar Settlement—*Additional Assessment (or Teerwahjasty).*—The revenue from Additional Assessment was Rs. 4,08,998 against Rupees 3,91,451 in the previous year, and was derived mostly from the districts noted in the margin. It is levied chiefly on dry lands cultivated with wet crops and on lands under private wells but irrigated by water from a Government tank or channel.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	3,91,451
,, 1278	4,08,998
Increase......	17,547

	RS.
South Arcot	1,23,968
Tanjore	82,093
Cuddapah	45,824
Salem	36,493
Bellary	35,448

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20. Ryotwar Settlement—*Water Tax on Government land*—The revenue from water-tax was Rupees 9,40,792, against Rs. 9,40,378, and was derived chiefly from the districts named in the margin. It is levied for the most parts in the Delta Talooks dependent upon the irrigation of the Godavery and Kistna anicuts. In the Godavery District, however, there was a large decrease as compared with the previous year, namely, Rupees 34,095, which is attributed by the Collector to the ryots having irrigated their dry lands to a much less extent than last year. In the Kistna District, however, there was an increase amounting to Rs. 17,552.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	9,40,378
„ 1278	9,40,792
Increase	414

	RS.
Godavery	8,17,005
Kistna	* 2,60,559
Bellary	3,513
Kurnool	11,384
Madras	6,297
Tanjore	38,364
Trichinopoly	21,269
Coimbatore	9,029

* Of which 2,26,628 is included in the Wet Assessment.

21. Ryotwar Settlement—*Remissions.*—The remissions from the Land Assessment Gross Demand next call for notice. They have been briefly alluded to in paragraph 17, and their amount is exhibited in the following abstract in comparison with the previous fusly:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Waste remissions as per Statement No. 3	15,18,912	11,99,635	......	3,19,277
As per Statement, No. 4. — Occasional Remissions	22,31,759	15,07,027	......	7,24,732
As per Statement, No. 4. — Fixed do.	97,801	1,12,678	14,877	......
As per Statement, No. 4. — Items allowed on the collection or from demand of villages	6,88,421	8,50,896	1,62,475	.... ..
Total...	45,36,893	36,70,236	1,77,352	10,44,009
			Net...	8,66,657

It will be observed from this abstract that the total remissions for the year amounted to Rupees 36,70,236, or less than the preceding year by Rupees 8,66,658.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	45,36,894
„ 1278	36,70,236
Decrease	8,66,658

22. Ryotwar Settlement—*Remissions on land left waste.*—The remissions on account of entire fields left waste amounted to Rupees 11,99,635, and were less than last year by Rupees 3,19,277. This result is due to the more favourable character of the season of Fusly 1278. The remissions of the year were chiefly distributed over the districts named in the margin. It will be observed that the remissions were for the most part on wet lands, and occasioned by the failure of water. In fact, out of Rupees 12,00,000, nearly Rupees 10,00,000 were remitted on wet.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	15,18,912
„ 1278	11,99,635
Decrease	3,19,277

		Of which for wet lands.
	RS.	RS.
Madras	2,88,369	1,96,732
North Arcot	2,19,717	1,72,907
South Arcot	1,52,472	1,33,651
Nellore	1,50,039	1,50,031
Madura	1,12,628	53,228
Cuddapah	99,620	99,587

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23. Ryotwar Settlement—*Remissions, Occasional.*—The Occasional Remissions which are granted on cultivated fields amounted in Fusly 1278 to Rupees 15,07,027, and consisted mainly of the items noted in the margin. They were granted chiefly in the six* districts which were most injuriously affected by the scantiness of the monsoons. It is superfluous to remark that the remissions were mostly on account of wet crops. The only exception of any consequence was in the sub-division of Madura, where, under the special† authority of the Board, remissions to the amount of Rupees 79,000 were granted for loss of dry crops.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	22,31,759
„ 1278	15,07,027
Decrease	7,24,732

	RS.
For withered crop (Shavi)	6,59,003
Loss of produce (Palanastam)	4,96,065
Reduction of assessment (Teerwa Cummee)	92,415
Portions of fields left waste (Shamilat Banjer)	85,934

	RS.
* South Arcot	4,59,345
Madras	3,20,055
North Arcot	1,61,356
Madura	1,47,614
Coimbatore	1,19,597
Vizagapatam	59,710

† Board's Proceedings, 1st March 1869, No. 1,341.

24. Ryotwar Settlement—*Remissions of a fixed character.*—The fixed remissions consist of a variety of petty deductions which are made out of the Ryotwar Demand from year to year, irrespective of the season. The chief of them are noted in the margin, and occur in the districts of (1) Madras; (2) Cuddapah; (3) Salem; (4) Malabar; and (5) South Arcot. The increase compared with Fusly 1277 was chiefly in the districts of Madras and Malabar, namely, Rupees 6,428 and Rupees 6,840. In the former district it was owing partly to the relaxation‡ of the Tope Rules in favour of some casuarina and firewood plantations, and partly in the item 2nd Crop assessment on wet land irrigated by private wells, on which larger§ remissions than usual had to be given in consequence of the scarcity of water in the Government tanks. In the latter district, Malabar, the increase was in the remissions granted on coffee land in the Wynaad abandoned by the owners.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	97,801
„ 1278	1,12,678
Increase	14,877

	RS.
Remissions under Tope Rules	18,636
Do. on 2nd Crop Cultivation under private wells	20,613
Do. on pasture lands	15,783
Do. on Kuttugutta lands	10,552
Do. on Gaddatiru	9,377
Do. on Pymash Kummee	8,732

	RS.
(1)	40,766
(2)	20,894
(3)	16,015
(4)	10,963
(5)	9,881

‡ Government Order. 16th December 1867.

‡ Rupees 1,466.

§ Rupees 4,918.

25. Ryotwar Settlement—*Deductions from Beriz on account of the remuneration of Village Servants, Road Cess, and sundry other purposes.*—These deductions are made in satisfaction of established claims on the Beriz. They amounted in the fusly under review to Rupees 8,50,896, and were in excess of the previous year by Rupees 1,62,475. The chief items composing them are noted in the margin. The first item occurs in several districts, chiefly South Arcot, Salem, Tanjore, and North Arcot. The second item is principally in Tinnevelly, being Rupees 80,561. The third item occurs chiefly in Trichinopoly and Godavery, being Rupees 27,793, and Rupees 26,667 respectively. The increase over last year is almost entirely under Merah to Village Servants, and arises from the fact of the pay of Village servants having been for the first time deducted from the Beriz in the districts of Tanjore, Godavery, and Tinnevelly.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	6,88,421
„ 1278	8,50,896
Increase	1,62,475

	RS.
(1) Merah to village servants	6,70,311
(2) Share of revenue due to Shrotriemdars	98,137
(3) Road cess included in the land assessment.	78,321

26. Entire Land Revenue Settlement, including Permanently Settled Revenue, Jodi, and Miscellaneous.—Having elucidated in the foregoing paragraphs the main features of that portion of the Land Revenue which is under Ryotwar Settlement, the Board will now proceed to notice briefly those portions (1), which are Permanently Settled; (2), those which are derived in the shape of Jodi and Quit-rents from Inam villages held on favourable assessments; and (3) those derived from Sundry Miscellaneous Sources.

Annexed is an abstract of the revenues derived from those sources in Fusly 1278 compared with Fusly 1277. Stated in round numbers, the revenues under each head were—

	Lacs.
Permanently Settled (Peishcush)	51½
Jodi and Quit-rent	6¾
Ryotwar	337½
Miscellaneous	35
Total... ...	430¾

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Peishcush on permanently settled estates	51,32,859	51,46,522	13,663
Jodi and quit-rent on Shrotriem and Inam villages	6,68,117	6,70,728	2,611
Ryotwar...	3,27,25,661	3,37,62,627	10,36,966
Miscellaneous	34,55,311	34,95,113	39,802
Total...	4,19,81,948	4,30,74,990	10,93,042

			RS.	No.
Fusly 1277				51,32,859
,, 1278				51,46,522
		Increase		13,663
Estates paying annual Peishcush below.			10,000	575
Do.	do.	...	20,000	38
Do.	do.	...	30,000	12
Do.	do.	...	40,000	7
Do.	do.	...	60,000	1
Do.	do.	...	70,000	1
Do.	do.	...	80,000	1
Do.	do.	...	90,000	4
Do.	do.	...	1,00,000	1
Do.	do.	...	2,00,000	3
Do.	do.	...	3,00,000	2
Do.	do.	...	3,50,000	1
Do.	do.	...	4,50,000	1
Do.	do.	...	5,00,000	1
		Total		648

27. Land Revenue—*Permanently Settled Revenue.*—The Permanently Settled Revenue is derived from 648 estates situated in 15 districts. It will be seen from the marginal table that estates paying below Rupees 10,000, are 575—those above Rupees 10,000,—57 those above Rupees 50,000, 8; and those above Rupees 1,00,000, are only 8.

28. *Variations therein.*—There have been slight variations in the Permanently Settled Revenue in six districts, the causes of which are explained below:—

Increase.	RS.
Kistna—In the Peishcush of the Goodoor Purganah on account of water-rate—*vide* Government Order, 23rd October 1868, No. 2,492,...	5,556
In the Peishcush fixed on the Chanubunda village—*vide* Government Order, 3rd February 1868, No. 297.	1,357
Do. do. do. Vissennapett Estate...	4,581
Total...	11,494

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	RS.	A.	P.	
Malabar......In the collection of Peishcush payable by Sultan Ali Rajah of Cannanore—*vide* Board's Proceedings, 8th February 1868, No. 967	5,000	0	0	
				16,494
Decrease.				
Ganjam... ...Reduction in the Peishcush of Paloor Estate on account of lands taken up for the Chilka Canal—*vide* Government Order, 11thAugust 1868, No. 2,134	621	0	0	
Vizagapatam. Do. do. of Waltair Estate on account of lands occupied by Government—*vide* Government Order, 26th August 1868, No. 2,263.	134	12	11	
Do. do. of Vizianagaram Zemindary. ...	75	1	7	
Nellore... ... Do. do. of Venkatagiri Zemindary, on account of compensation for losses sustained by him by the introduction of Cattle Trespass Act—*vide* Government Order, 11th December 1868, No. 3,082...	1,964	6	0	
Salem......... Do. do. of Alagapuram Mootah, on account of lands taken up for public purpose—*vide* Government Order, 29th September 1868, No. 2,506...	7	14	5	
Do. do. of Yellaghery Mootah, on account of lands taken up for a Railway Feeder—*vide* Government Order, 1st June 1869, No. 1,538	24	14	7	
Do. do. of Thathavully Mootah, on account of resumed Inam—*vide* Government Order, 4th March 1869, No. 562...	2	7	0	
				2,831
Net increase...				13,663

29. Land Revenue—*Shrotriem Jodi, etc., and variations therein.*—Compared with the preceding Fusly, there appears an increase of Rupees 2,611, the whole of which occurred in the district of Vizagapatam in consequence of certain items erroneously credited to LandRevenue Miscellaneous being this year transferred to the proper head. The number of favourably assessed villages which contribute this revenue is 4,305 in the Presidency.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	6,68,117
„ 1278	6,70,728
Increase	2,611

30. Land Revenue—*Ryotwar, and variations therein*—In the Ryotwar Revenue there was an increase compared with last year of Rupees 10,36,966, resulting from a gross increase of Rupees 12,93,714 in twelve, and a gross decrease of Rupees 2,56,748 in eight districts. These contrary results are both directly due to the character of the season. Where it was favourable, there was not only extension of cultivation, but less necessity for remissions. Where it was unfavourable, the cultivation was contracted, and large remissions had to be given for loss of crops. A portion of the decrease in the Godavery District and the entire decrease in Tanjore and South Canara, are in consequence of the deduction for the first time from the Land Revenue Beriz, of the salaries of village establishments.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	3,27,25,661
„ 1278	3,37,62,627
Increase	10,36,966

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31. Land Revenue—*Miscellaneous—Variaions therein.*—The Miscellaneous Land Revenue is derived from a variety of sources, the more important of which are detailed in the margin. Compared with last year, there is increase observed in some items and a decrease in others. Among the former, is the sum of Rupees 89,425 appertaining to the district of Malabar, being the collections on account of the sale of escheated lands for the first time credited to Land Revenue. Among the latter, there is a sum of Rupees 1,36,877, being a falling off in the rent of Islands in the Godavery, due partly to the introduction of the new Survey and Settlement rates, and partly to certain lunkas having been left unoccupied in consequence of the bad outturn of the Tobacco crop on them in the preceding season. In the district of Madura, the revenue from enclosed waste hitherto exhibited among the Miscellaeeous items, was transferred to Ryotwar proper, and thus caused an apparent decrease of Rupees 15,095 under the head "Revenue from lands assessed at favourable rates."

	RS.
Fusly 1277	84,55,811
„ 1278	84,95,118
Increase...	39,802

	RS.
Quit-rent on minor Inams	11,75,391
Tax on Trees on unassessed lands	1,04,102
Revenue from rented villages	1,35,090
Cultivation not included in the Settlement	2,28,884
Grass Rent	93,654
Rent from Palmira Trees	1,42,041
Rent of Islands in Rivers	90,451
Water Tax on Zemindary and Inam lands	7,84.080
Quit-rent and Ground Rent in Madras	79,056
Sale of escheated lands in Malabar	89,425

32. Land Revenue—*Special Items, Land held on Cowle*—The usual abstract exhibiting the lands held on Cowle in Fusly 1278, is subjoined:—

	Acres.	RS.	Acres.	RS.
Cowle as per last year ...			67,655	55,328
Deduct—Land brought up to full assessment ...	12,258	16,417		
„ —Land abandoned do. do. ...	1,223	1,195	13,481	17,612
Remainder...			54,174	37,716
Add new Cowle ...			3,293	4,257
Total...			57,467	41,973
Add second crop, additional assessment and water-tax ...				231
				42,204
Deduct remission on account of waste...		658		
Do. do. do. cowle ...		27,102		
				27,760
Net Beriz...				14,444
Note—Remission on account of cowle...		27,102		
Deduct—Amount omitted in the Statements of Remissions from Malabar on which the Board's Return No. 4 was prepared...		10,806		
Remainder...		16,296		

The extent is Acres 57,467 with a standard assessment of Rupees 41,973, but paying under the terms of the Cowle tenure only Rupees 14,444. It is found chiefly in Ganjam,* Salem† Malabar‡, and Coimbatore§.

	RS.
*	2,972
†	3,925
‡	8,065
§	1,033

33. Land Revenue—*Special Items, Villages Settled on Amani Tenure.*—There are 10¾ villages altogether in the districts of South Arcot, Tanjore, and Madura, in which the revuene is settled chiefly on a division of the produce. The money-rents collected in these villages amounted

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in the Fusly under review to Rupees 5,370, and the commuted value of the Government share of the produce, after deductions, to Rupees 3,745, making together a total of Rupees 9,115 as the revenue under Amani settlement.

34. Land Revenue, Special Items—*Cultivation of special crops.*—The extent of cultivation under Sugar-cane, Cotton and Indigo, is shown in the subjoined abstract statement. Compared with the previous year, there was a falling off under the first two and an increase under the third. The decrease in the sugar-cane cultivation was general throughout all districts but six, and was owing to the want of water. The decrease* in cotton cultivation was chiefly in the Ceded districts and Kistna, and is attributed partly to the season, and partly to the ever varying state of the cotton market. The prospect of a good Jonna crop in those districts was not improbably another active cause of the neglect of cotton. In the districts of Godavery and Tinnevelly, a large increase under cotton is observed, and is no doubt due to the active demand at the ports of Cocanada and Tuticorin. The large increase* in the acreage under Indigo accrued chiefly in Cuddapah, Bellary, and Kurnool, and was owing to the favourable season and a greater demand in the market. There was considererable falling off in North Arcot† and South Arcot‡, in consequence of the failure of rains.

	Acres.
* Cuddapah	16,046
Bellary	79,162
Kurnool	28,132
Kistna	31,772

	Acres.
Godavery	7,118
Tinnevelly	8,895

* Acres. 45,135

Acres.
† 6,384
‡ 6,847

Districts.	Sugar Cane.		Cotton.		Indigo.	
	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1. Ganjam...	3,573	4,275	9,318	7,778	54	43
2. Vizagapatam...	5,625	5,401	19,518	17,351	3,252	5,282
3. Godavery	6,983	6,694	17,445	24,563	357	1,080
4. Kistna ...	......	......	2,23,567	1,91,795	10,285	13,521
5. Nellore...	32	22	33,385	28,201	13,541	18,531
6. Cuddapah	2,468	2,187	71,967	55,921	16,209	41,348
7. Bellary...	7,798	6,354	4,10,297	3,31,135	1,132	5,395
8. Kurnool	502	459	2,19,404	1,96,272	6,847	22,684
9. Madras...	76	69	29	18	5,150	7,619
10. North Arcot	5,116	4,370	5,633	5,062	15,552	9,168
11. South Arcot...	2,044	1,939	40,842	40,151	41,539	34,692
12. Tanjore...	417	331	3,067	3,712	898	1,159
13. Trichinopoly...	2,460	2,950	5,328	5,497	146	144
14. Madura...	162	188	86,919	90,180	434	40
15. Tinnevelly	130	159	2,05,065	2,13,960	407	377
16. Coimbatore ...	1,864	2,119	1,19,247	1,17,680	......	......
17. Neilgherries...	. ...	......	......	......	......	......
18. Salem	1,543	1,308	15,830	12,089	1,077	932
19. South Canara	940	946	......	......	......	......
Total...	41,733	39,771	14,86,861	13,41,365	1,16,880	1,62,015
Government lands	22,987	22,614	10,09,977	9,01,309	92,693	1,30,216
Inam lands ...	5,474	4,602	3,35,909	3,02,449	14,079	24,908
Zemindary lands	13,272	12,555	1,40,975	1,37,607	10,108	6,891

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35. Land Revenue, Special Items—*Average rates of Assessment per Acre.*—As usual, an abstract statement showing the average assesment per acre in each district on the extent of actual cultivation is subjoined·—

Districts.	Dry.					Wet.				
	Extent.	Assessment.	Average.			Extent.	Assessment.	Average.		
	Acres.	RS.	RS.	A.	P.	Acres.	RS.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Ganjam..	1,05,627	1,35,808	1	4	6	1,77,484	5,07,864	2	13	9
2. Vizagapatam... ...	47,961	52,411	1	1	5	23,788	1,22,800	5	2	7
3. Godavery............	2,49,701	5,36,634	2	2	4	2,10,213	6,10,107	2	14	5
4. Kistna	13,32,813	20,55,337	1	8	8	1,24,288	7,03,420	5	10	6
5. Nellore...............	5,78,059	7,50,826	1	4	9	1,62,797	7,36,189	4	8	4
6. Cuddapah............	11,21,096	8,03,441	0	11	5	1,24,508	8,65,665	6	15	2
7. Bellary................	21,67,134	13,91,820	0	10	3	1,40,600	5,52,592	3	14	10
8. Kurnool	11,31,243	10,92,892	0	15	5	25,948	1,68,338	6	7	9
9. Madras......	1,75,093	2,71,856	1	8	10	2,13,093	8,43,034	3	15	3
10. North Arcot.........	3,90,835	5,54,405	1	6	8	1,71,209	10,09,866	5	14	3
11. South Arcot.........	8,26,304	14,48,423	1	12	0	2,44,532	13,21,395	5	6	5
12. Tanjore...	2,34,275	2,98,544	1	4	4	6,83,989	34,29,419	5	0	2
13. Trichinopoly	7,41,360	7,21,032	0	15	6	1,21,573	5,18,105	4	2	10
14. Madura...............	6,45,118	8,53,349	1	5	1	1,31,941	5,63,115	4	4	3
15. Tinnevelly	8,61,128	7,22,979	0	13	5	1,60,042	16,63,891	10	6	4
16. Coimbatore	18,15,469	17,13,810	0	15	1	79,031	6,09,864	7	11	5
17. Neilgherries.........	44,936	24,214	0	8	7	40	90	2	4	0
18. Salem	10,55,724	13,62,824	1	4	7	63,310	4,22,407	6	4	5
19. Malabar	3,96,076	6,11,739	1	8	8	3,82,187	11,60,305	3	0	8
Total...	139,19,952	154,02,344	1	1	8	32,40,573	158,08,466	4	14	0

Note.—Waste charged, second crop and additional assessment and water-tax are not taken into account in the average.

36. Extra Sources of Revenue.—The Board now proceed to notice the revenue derived from other sources than land, namely, 1 Abkarry, 2 License-tax and Income-tax, 3 Salt, 4 Sea-Customs, 5 Land-Customs, and 6 Stamps. The subjoined abstract exhibits the revenue derived from each in comparison with Fusly 1277, the result being a net increase of Rupees 8,22,635:—

Sources of Revenue.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Abkarry	53,27,863	49,05,543	......	4,22,320
2. Income-tax............................	......	73,900	73,900	......
3. License-tax	5,48,941	5,07,511	......	41,430
4. Salt	105,62,247	111,98,249	6,36,002	......
5. Sea Customs	24,11,354	25,88,750	1,77,396	......
6. Land Customs	1,51,606	1,89,756	38,150	......
7. Stamps	35,89,001	39,49,938	3,60,937	......
Total...	225,91,012	234,13,647	12,86,385	4,63,750
		Net...	8,22,635	

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37. Abkarry.—The variations in each will now be noticed. In the Abkarry Revenue there was an increase in ten districts and a decrease in as many, amounting, respectively, to Rupees 1,33,260 and Rupees 5,55,580. The districts in which these variations chiefly occurred are named in the margin. The increase in the Madras District is ascribed to the increased sale of Arrack in the Town, owing to the extensive Public Works under execution in its vicinity. The increase against the Neilgherry District is nominal. In the Godavery District, the increase is attributed to the Abkarry having been let out by Government officers to sub-renters at enhanced rates. The large decrease in Bellary is more nominal than real, as the rental of the previous years was never realized and the farms had to be re-sold at great loss to Government. The biddings for Fusly 1278 were consequently marked by greater caution, and resulted in the revenue reverting to its former state. Nearly half the falling off in the Coimbatore District was nominal, being merely a transfer to the newly formed Neilgherry District, and the rest was owing to the reduction made in the amount of rent under Board's sanction, in consequence of losses sustained by the contractor. The decrease in South Arcot was chiefly owing to the reduction of the rent under sanction of the Board in consequence of a want of competition at the sale of the Farm.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	53,27,863
„ 1278	49,05,543
Decrease...	4,22,320

Increase.	RS.	Decrease.	RS.
Madras	50,627	Bellary	3,63,244
Neilgherries	40,575	Coimbatore	1,06,990
Godavery	22,942	South Arcot	53,814

	RS.
Fusly 1278	5,34,078
„ 1275	5,03,900

38. License-Tax.—The law under which the License-tax was administered was in force only for nine months of Fusly 1278 when it was superseded by Act IX. of 1869. The comparison, therefore, with the full year of the previous Fusly, shows a falling off.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	5,48,941
„ 1278	5,07,511
Decrease...	41,430

39. Income-tax.—This tax came into operation from the (1st April 1869) last quarter of the Fusly, and the revenue* exhibited under it consists only of deductions made from the salary of Government officials.

* Rupees 73,900.

40. Salt Revenues.—In the revenue from salt there was an increase of Rupees 6,36,002, of which more than 5 lacs were contributed by the Kistna (*a*) and Madras (*b*) Districts. The increase in the former district was due to a large demand from Hyderabad, where the large stores of salt of Fusly 1277 were exhausted. The increased sales in Madras are ascribed to the further extension of the North-West Line of railway, to the improved condition of the approaches of the Salt Depôt, and to a large demand for exports. There was also a considerable increase in South Arcot (*c*) and Malabar (*d*). In the former it is stated to have been due to larger home consumption and to the absence of any reduction in the prices, such as was exceptionally permitted in Fusly 1277. The increase in Malabar is ascribed to larger sales having been effected on discount to merchants carrying salt to Coimbatore and other places. The only districts in which there was any considerable falling off were Tanjore and Madura. In the former it is ascribed to several causes, such as the sales in the Southern and Northern extreme Salt Pans having been exceptionally large in the preceding year, and

	RS.
Fusly 1277	105,62,247
„ 1278	111,98,249
Increase...	6,36,002

Particulars.	RS.
Home consumption	57,37,003
Inland do.	53,79,149
Exports by sea	57,944
Sold to French Government..	7,021

(*a*) Rupees 3,68,941.
(*b*) do. 1,32,317.

(*c*) Rupees 53,003
(*d*) do. 75,695

	Decrease. RS.
Tanjore	42,848
Madura	21,852

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the Great Southern India Railway having to compete with the Madras Line at a disadvantage with regard to cost of carriage of salt to western districts. The decrease in Madura is attributed to the closing of two salt stations, and also to the insufficiency of the supply at Vattanum to meet the increased demand.

41. Salt—*Quantity received into store.*—Compared with the preceding season, the quantity in store at the beginning of the year was more by Maunds 76,632, but that manufactured and received into store fell short by nearly 4¼ lacs of maunds. This falling off occurred chiefly in the Madras* District, and is attributed to the fact that the Ennore bar was not opened until April 1869, up to which time the manufacture in the Northern Pans was suspended. To compensate for this there was considerable increase in some districts as noted in the margin, owing, no doubt, to the more favourable character of the season for manufacture in those districts.

	In store at beginning of year.	Manufactured and received into stores.	Total.
	In. Mds.	In. Mds.	
Fusly 1277	95,33,430	69,10,693	164,44,123
„ 1278	96,10,062	64,84,494	160,94,556
	+ 76,632	— 4,26,199	— 3,49,567

	Maunds.
* Decrease..........	6½ lacs

Increase.

	Mds.
Ganjam............	4,60,773
Visagapatam.....	1,20,909
South Arcot......	97,356
South Canara....	1,85,176

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Receipts.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.
Salt in store at the beginning of the year	95,33,430	96,10,062	76,632	......
Salt manufactured and purchased and received into store	69,10,693	64,84,494	......	4,26,199
Total...	164,44,123	160,94,556	......	3,49,567
Sales.				
Home consumption	33,09,328	34,56,572	1,47,244	......
Inland consumption	31,18,541	33,05,403	1,86,862	......
Exportation...	1,85,828	3,70,470	1,84,642	......
Sold to French Government	55,865	55,028	......	837
Total...	66,69,562	71,87,473	5,17,911	......
Remainder...	97,74,561	89,07,083	......	8,67,478
Deduct wastage written off...	1,64,494	2,26,447	61,953	......
Remaining balance...	96,10,067	86,80,636	......	9,29,431

42. Salt—*Quantity sold.*—The sales of Fusly 1278 exhibit, in quantity, an increase of Indian Maunds 5,17,911 in about equal proportions under each head of Home Consumption, Inland Consumption, and Exports, as shown below:—

Fuslies.	Home Consumption.	Inland Consumption.	Exports.	Sold to French Government.	Total.
	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.
1277	33,09,328	31,18,541	1,85,828	55,865	66,69,562
1278	34,56,572	33,05,403	3,70,470	55,028	71,87,473
Increase or Decrease...	+1,47,244	+1,86,862	+1,84,642	—837	+ 5,17,911

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The causes of the increase under each head have been already stated in paragraph 40. The large increase in the "Exports" which occurs almost entirely in the Madras District, was due to larger exportation to Calcutta. The Collector states that the whole of the salt at Covelong was purchased by a single merchant and shipped to that port.

	I Mds.
Fusly 1277.........	1,63,566
„ 1278.........	1,93,527
Increase...	29,966

43. SALT—*Wastage.*—The quantity of salt wastage written off the accounts within the Fusly under report was Indian Maunds 2,26,447 which included Indian Maunds 1,71,053, the wastage of Fusly 1276, and Indian Maunds 55,394 on account of Fusly 1277. The whole wastage on account of Fusly 1277, viz., 1,63,566, was not fully adjusted within the Fusly under report, in consequence of the late dates on which the final sanction of Government was communicated to some districts. The particulars of wastage in the several districts are shown in the annexed abstract. In eight districts the per-centage of wastage is below 5, and calls for no remark. In the four districts named in the margin it exceeded 5. The large wastage of Tinnevelly is stated to have resulted from the practice of over-storing having been strictly put a stop to, and from the fact of Superintendents, from fear of punishment, storing the salt with scrupulous accuracy. In Godavery it is ascribed to the circumstances of the salt of Fusly 1276 having been received into store weighed by inaccurate machines and disposed of by more accurate machines in Fusly 1278. It is also stated as a reason that some of the salt was in store for upwards of two years. In Tanjore also the comparatively high wastage is ascribed to the wear in bulk, wrought by time, and to the carriage of it by canal from Vedarniem and re-storing at Negapatam. The slightly higher wastage in the Kistna District does not seem to call for special explanation. The Board consider the reasons assigned by the Collectors for the large wastage in certain districts on the whole valid and therefore recommend that sanction be accorded for writing off the wastage of salt in all the districts, amounting to Indian Maunds 1,93,527-13.

Tinnevelly.........	8·93
Godavery..........	7·93
Tanjore	6·15
Kistna..............	5·81

Districts.	Contents of the heaps when received.		Out-turn of the heaps when sold.		Wastage.		Per-centage of the wastage on column 2.	Value of the wastage of salt at the prime cost.			Value of the wastage of salt at the monopoly cost.		
1	2		3		4		5	6			7		
	IN. MDS.	SRS.	IN. MDS.	SRS.	IN. MDS.	SRS.		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Ganjam ...	3,70,150	0	3,55,828	15	14,321	25	3·87	1,789	5	0	24,167	12	0
2. Vizagapatam	1,16,697	1	1,14,599	0	2,098	1	1·80	157	5	7	3,540	6	2
3. Godavery ...	2,86,742	0	2,63,982	0	22,760	0	7·93	1,896	10	0	38,407	8	0
4. Kistna ...	5,51,652	0	5,19,619	0	32,033	0	5·81	2,565	15	5	54,055	11	0
5. Nellore ...	3,67,903	0	3,54,631	0	13,272	0	3·61	1,765	7	4	22,251	3	6
6. Madras ...	4,39,952	0	4,19,445	0	20,507	0	4·66	2,994	14	0	34,605	9	0
7. South Arcot.	4,18,276	0	3,98,770	11	19,505	29	4·65	3,821	14	0	32,913	7	0
Do. supplied to French Govt..	43,200	0	41,170	19	2,029	21	4·69	224	10	0	224	10	0
8. Tanjore ...	2,93,755	0	2,75,686	20	18,068	20	6·15	1,417	10	0	30,025	15	0
9. Madura ...	2,44,816	0	2,32,873	15	11,942	25	4·34	1,119	9	10	20,153	2	11
10. Tinnevelly...	3,54,740	10	3,23,056	0	31,684	10	8·93	2,805	6	0	53,467	3	0
11. South Canara.	1,93,072	32	1,88,310	30	4,762	2	2·46	1,748	7	5	8,035	15	7
12. Malabar ...	41,305	0	40,762	0	543	0	1·31	254	1	6	916	5	0
Total...	37,22,261	3	35,28,733	30	1,93,527	13	5·19	22,561	4	1	3,22,764	12	2

On sales of salt	4,519	2
On salt cleared for transportation...	243	0
	4,762	2

44. Salt.—*Proportion of Salt charges to Salt Revenue and Net Revenue from Salt.*—The figures annexed in the margin show the Gross Revenue, Gross Charges, and Net Revenue from Salt, in comparison with the preceding Fusly. It will be observed that there was an increase in the Net Revenue to the amount of Rupees 5,32,974, and that the ratio of charges to Gross Revenue remained the same as in the preceding, year viz., 12 per cent. The proportion of each item of charge to the whole was as indicated by the following figures:—

Fusly.	Revenue.	Charges.	Ratio of charge.	Net Revenue.
1277	105,59,137	12,80,916	12	92,78,221
1278	111,97,255	13,86,060	12	98,11,195
Increase	6,38,118	1,05,141	...	5,32,974

	Amount.	Per-centage.
Fixed Establishment...	2,30,635	2·05
Manufacturers' share and purchase of salt	8,81,273	7·86
Charges for conveying and storing salt ...	55,411	0·49
Contingencies and other items...	2,18,741	1·60

The cost of salt in each district, in comparison with the preceding year, is exhibited in the following statement:—

Districts.	Fusly 1277. Charges.	Fusly 1277. Per-centage on the gross revenue.	Fusly 1278. Charges.	Fusly 1278. Per-centage on the gross revenue.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.		RS.		RS.	RS.
Ganjam	63,949	5	1,77,690	13	1,13,741	......
Vizagapatam	32,606	11	62,198	21	29,592	......
Godavery	29,771	7	31,400	6	1,629	......
Kistna	91,986	12	85,396	7	......	6,590
Nellore	85,557	8	84,988	7	......	569
Madras	2,75,235	12	2,30,211	9	......	45,024
South Arcot	63,515	14	72,781	10	9,266	......
Tanjore	1,09,074	10	1,10,692	10	1,618	......
Madura	50,819	8	47,234	7	......	3,585
Tinnevelly	75,822	11	46,729	6	......	29,093
South Canara	1,21,210	11	1,88,937	33	67,727	......
Malabar	2,81,372	33	2,47,804	26	......	33,568
Total...	12,80,916	12	13,86,060	12	2,23,573	1,18,429
				Net...	1,05,144	

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The considerable variations observable in some of the districts are ascribed to the payment of the Kudiwaram of the previous year in Fusly 1278, and to larger quantities manufactured during the year. In South Canara it was due to larger purchases of salt. The total charges of the year under each head on account of salt are exhibited in the subjoined statement, in comparison with the preceding year.

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Charges of Collections.				
Fixed Establishment...	2,26,623	2,20,261	...	6,362
Country Stationery or Saderwarid	2,449	2,401	...	48
Travelling allowance to officers, etc.	8,138	7,973	...	165
Total...	2,37,210	2,30,635	...	6,575
Charges for the provision of Salt.				
Purchase and Manufacturer's share	8,19,925	8,81,273	61,348	...
Charges for conveying and storing Salt	89,365	55,411	...	33,954
Do. for exporting Salt	20,340	6,195	...	14,145
Salt compensation	11,109	284	...	10,825
Petty Construction and Repairs	...	46,957	46,957	...
Contingencies	1,02,966	1,65,305	62,339	...
Total...	10,43,705	11,55,425	1,70,644	58,924
Net...	...	...	1,11,720	...
Grand Total...	12,80,915	13,86,060	1,70,644	65,499
Net...	...	...	1,05,145	...

45. Sea Customs.—The Revenue from Sea Customs amounted to the nearly 26 lacs of Rupees or 1¾ lacs more than in the preceding year, and the increase of the Revenue occurred in every district except South Arcot. In the five districts named in the margin, the increase was considerable, especially at the Port of Madras. The Import Duty contributed Rupees 15,54,501 and the Export Duty Rupees 10,08,995. The collections at the Port of Madras alone were, under the former head, Rupees 12,86,409, and, under the latter, 2,08,954. The chief articles of trade yielding these duties are noted in the margin. The increase of Customs collections was, as already observed, chiefly at the Port of Madras, and was due to the increased importation of cotton twist and yarn, cotton piece-goods, etc., and also to the increased exportation of hides and skins, indigo, and seeds of sorts. The increase in Malabar was in consequence of large shipments of cocoanut oil from Cochin to English Ports. The falling off* in South Arcot was caused by a less exportation of paddy, rice, and indigo, and less importation of nuts.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	24,11,854
„ 1278	25,89,750
Increase...	1,77,896

	Increase. RS.
Madras	75,813
Malabar	48,411
Tanjore	32,182
South Canara	14,490
Godavery	13,962

Imports.	Lacs.	Exports.	Lacs
Cotton Piece Goods...	4¼	Rice	4½
Cotton Twist	2	Paddy	¾
Spirits	2½	Indigo	¾
Wines and Liquors ...	1¼	Hides and Skins ...	¾
Metals	1¼	Oils Vegetables. ...	¾
Spices	½	Seeds...	1¼
Apparel	¾	Cotton Piece Goods...	½
		Spices	¼
	12½		9½

* Decrease 21,331.

46. Land Customs.—The Revenue from Land Customs accrues in four districts, and amounted during the year under report to Rupees 1,89,756, being an increase of Rupees 38,150 over the preceding year, occurring in the two districts first named in the margin, in consequence of the increased exportation of indigo and rice into Pondicherry and Karikal respectively.

	RS.
Fusly 1277...	1,51,606
„ 1278...	1,89,756
Increase...	38,150

	RS.
South Arcot...	92,808
Tanjore...	86,427
Godavery	935
Malabar...	9,586

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47. Revenue from Stamps.—The Stamp Revenue of the year under report amounted to Rupees 39,49,938, being Rupees 3,60,937 above that of the preceding year. A portion of the increase is ascribed by all Collectors to the renewal of Abkarry leases, but by far the larger portion is attributed to the steady progress in the trade and wealth of the country.

		RS.
Fusly	1277	35,89,001
,,	1278	39,49,938
	Increase...	3,60,937

48. Entire Current Demand, Collection and Balance under all Sources of Revenue.—The entire Demand, Collection, and Balance under all sources of Revenue on account of the Fusly under report are exhibited in the annexed abstract, from which it will be observed that the total Demand was Rupees 664,88,637, the Collection within the Fusly Rs. 614,57,261, and the Balance at the end of the Fusly Rupees 50,31,376. This balance was reduced by subsequent collections up to October 1869 to Rupees 12,73,638, which bears a ratio of 1·9 per cent. to the Demand.

		RS.
Demand.		
Fusly	1277	645,01,506
,,	1278	664,88,637
	Increase...	19,87,131
Collection.		
Fusly	1277	590,15,677
,,	1278	614,57,261
	Increase...	24,41,584
Balance		
Fusly	1277	54,85,829
,,	1278	50,31,376
	Decrease...	4,54,453

Items.	Current demand.	Collections.	Balance.	Subsequent Collections and Remissions up to 31st October 1869.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently Settled...	51,46,522	41,64,808	9,81,714	6,95,181	2,86,533
Jody on Shrotriem, etc.	6,70,728	5,48,072	1,22,656	93,005	29,651
Ryotwar	3,37,62,627	3,09,64,495	27,98,132	21,81,916	6,16,216
Miscellaneous	34,95,113	26,96,162	7,98,951	4,93,911	3,05,040
Total...	4,30,74,990	3,83,73,537	47,01,453	34,64,013	12,37,440
Abkarry	49,05,543	45,77,726	3,27,817	2,92,226	35,591
Income-Tax	73,900	73,556	344	325	19
License-Tax	5,07,511	5,06,743	768	352	416
Sea-Customs	25,88,750	25,88,750	....	....	....
Land-Customs	1,89,756	1,89,756	....	....	....
Salt	111,98,249	111,97,255	994	822	172
Stamps	39,49,938	39,49,938	....	....	....
Total...	2,34,13,647	2,30,83,724	3,29,923	2,93,725	36,198
Grand Total...	6,64,88,637	6,14,57,261	50,31,376	37,57,738	12,73,638

49.—Current Balances.—*Permanently Settled Revenue.*—The balance of Permanently Settled Revenue at the end of October 1869 was Rupees 2,86,533, and was distributed over the districts noted in the margin. The greater part of this was against two districts, viz; Madura and Salem. In the former the balance was against the Ramnad Zemindar and is allowed to remain in abeyance, pending the disposal of the proposition now before Government, to place that Estate under Government management. In Salem it was outstanding against certain Moottahs, and measures had been adopted for its realization.

	RS.
Ganjam	1,642
Vizagapatam	2,367
Godavery	4,768
Kistna	1,331
Madras...	11,814
North Arcot	16,420
South Arcot	37
Madura	2,05,759
Salem	42,395
Total...	2,86,533

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50.—Current Balances.—*Shrotriem Jodi.*—The balance of Shrotriem Jodi was Rupees 29,671, and chiefly against the three districts noted in the margin. The ratio to Demand was about one-third in the first and one-ninth in the other two districts. The Board, however, observe that in North Arcot there remained only Rupees 2,901 at the end of January 1870, and that in the other districts the balances were also very much reduced.

	RS.	Ratio to Demand.
North Arcot	8,490	$\frac{1}{3}$
Madras	8,104	$\frac{1}{9}$
Salem	4,740	$\frac{1}{9}$

51.—Current Balances.—*Ryotwar.*—The balance under the head Ryotwar was Rupees 6,16,216, and was due chiefly in the districts noted in the margin. The balance against North Arcot was very large being 14 per cent. of the Demand, and is explained by the Collector to be due to the indulgent policy which has been forced on the Tahsildars by a long series of unfavourable seasons.

	RS.
North Arcot	2,80,654
Nellore	69,590
South Arcot	65,432
Madras	53,576

52. Current Balances.—*Land Revenue Miscellaneous.*—The balance of Rupees 3,05,040 under the head Land Revenue Miscellaneous was spread over all the districts, except Malabar, and was large in the four districts noted in the margin. No particular causes are shown by Collectors for these balances, but it is stated that due measures have been adopted for their prompt realization.

	RS.
Godavery...	83,094
Kistna	61,564
North Arcot	53,387
Madras	33,648

53. Current Balances.—*Abkarry.*—The balance of Abkarry Revenue was Rupees 35,591, of which Rupees 25,589 was against the Madras District, due by the late Abkarry Contractor and withheld by him pending the disposal of certain claims to compensation now before Government. The balance in other districts was small and needs no remark.

54. Current Balances.—The balance under License, *Cum* Income-tax and Salt is too small to call for notice.

	RS.
Income tax	19
License tax	416
Salt...	172

55. Arrears.—*Entire Demand, Collection, and Balance under all sources of Revenue.*—The subjoined table exhibits the Demand, Collection and Balance of arrears of Land and other sources of Revenue up to the end of October 1869.

Items.	Demand.	Collection.	Remissions.	Subsequent Collections and Remissions.	Balance.				
					Recoverable and doubtful.	Irrecoverable.			Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.
Permanently Settled......	10,25,016	8,50,778	2,108	14,370	1,56,757	1,003	2	1	1,57,760
Shrotriem Jody.	1,52,425	1,28,750	5,072	2,989	14,661	953	5	11	15,614
Ryotwar.........	32,79,791	25,89,120	1,95,303	53,824	1,85,590	2,55,954	3	11	4,41,544
Miscellaneous..	13,93,358	7,96,328	1,16,699	25,698	4,05,505	49,127	5	5	4,54,633
Abkarry........	6,27,619	3,28,363	2,46,509	9,629	22,124	20,994	6	5	43,118
Income-tax ...	38	....	38	......	......	....	...	..	......
Salt...	5,436	3,537	346	521	484	548	6	8	1,032
Total ...	64,83,683	46,96,876	5,66,075	1,07,031	7,85,121	3,28,580	14	5	11,13,701

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It will be seen from the above that the amount outstanding at the beginning of the Fusly was Rupees 64,83,683, whereof Rupees 52,62,951 were recovered within the Fusly, and that there remained at the end of the Fusly Rupees 12,20,732, which was further reduced, by subsequent collections up to October 1869, to Rupees 11,13,701. Of this last balance, Rs. 7,85,121 are stated by Collectors to be recoverable or doubtful, and Rupees 3,28,581 irrecoverable. The recoverable portion is due chiefly in the districts noted in the margin.

	RS.
Godavery	2,28,152
North Arcot	1,68,988
Madura	1,22,952
Madras	69,508
Kistna...	41,242
Salem...	35,821
South Arcot	31,603

56. Arrears Irrecoverable on Permanently Settled.—The irrecoverable arrears under each head will now be noticed briefly. That due by Permanently Settled Estates amounted to Rupees 1,003-2-1, and was outstanding against the same districts as in last year. The balance in the Godavery District was withheld, as has been the case every year, by the proprietor of Billumielli and Bynagudem, in consequence of the non-completion of certain repairs to the Bynakalingula. The balances in Madras and South Arcot recur every year, being balances withheld on account of lands taken possession of by Government. A separate report will be made to Government, with a view to extinguish these balances by corresponding reductions in the Peshcush of the Moottahs.

	RS.	A.	P.
Godavery...	948	12	1
Madras	16	14	7
South Arcot	37	7	5
Total... ...	1,003	2	1

57. Arrears Irrecoverable.—*Shrotriem Jodi.*—The irrecoverable Shrotriem Jodi amounted to Rupees 953-5-11, and was due from seven districts named in the margin. It consisted of quit-rent once charged but afterwards reduced by the Inam Commissioner. In the district of South Arcot, however, the collection of the balance was suspended in compensation for certain Shrotriem land taken up for irrigation channels. In this case also a permanent reduction of Shrotriem Jodi will be separately proposed for the sanction of Government.

	RS.	A.	P.
Ganjam...	155	0	8
Vizagapatam	168	3	9
Godavery	224	15	0
Cuddapah	305	0	11
Kurnool...	3	15	2
Madras...	83	10	10
South Arcot...	12	7	7

58. Arrears Irrecoverable.—*Ryotwar and Miscellaneous.*—The arrears reported by Collectors, after careful scrutiny to be irrecoverable amount to Rupees 3,05,081-9-4, and include Rupees 1,38,143-5-2, being remissions for loss of crops for Fuslies 1276 and 1277, granted after the dates of the settlement, in the districts named in the margin*. Deducting these special remissions, the remainder is only Rupees 1,66,938-4-2 spread over all the district sexcept South Canara.

	RS.	A.	P.
Ryotwar	2,55,954	3	11
Miscellaneous..........................	49,127	5	5
Total ...	3,05,081	9	4

* Nellore..................................	62,981	5	8
Cuddapah..................................	22,760	10	10
Madras....................................	15,400	7	4
Madura....................................	7,812	13	4
Salem......................................	29,188	0	0
Total ...	1,38,143	5	2

59. Arrears Irrecoverable—*Abkarry.*—The irrecoverable arrears of Abkarry Revenue are confined to two districts†, viz., Nellore and Madura, and amount to Rupees 20,994-6-5. The defaulting renter in Nellore has been in prison for two years, and is possessed of no property. Of the balance in the Madura District the greater portion has been already remitted; and the rest is due by the renter of the Dindigul Talook, and is deemed hopeless of recovery.

† Nellore..................................	8,184	4	3
Madura....................................	12,810	2	2

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60. Arrears Irrecoverable.—*Salt.*—The small balance of Rupees 548-6-8 under Salt appertains to earth-salt in Bellary and is due on account of several Fuslies.

61. Entire Arrears Irrecoverable recommended for remission.—The aggregate of the irrecoverable arrears, discussed in the foregoing paragraphs, is Rupees 3,28,580-14-5. As recapitu-

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lated in the subjoined Abstract, and the Board request the sanction of Government for its being written off the accounts.

Districts.	Irrecoverable Balance.							
	Land Revenue.					Abkarry.	Salt.	Grand Total.
	Permanently settled.	Shrotriem Jodi.	Ryotwar.	Miscellaneous.	Total.			
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1. Ganjam	... ...	155 0 8	2,950 5 0	2,418 6 8	5,523 12 4	... ...	... ...	5,523 12 4
2. Vizagapatam	... ...	168 3 9	55 0 5	248 2 7	471 6 9	... ...	... ...	471 6 9
3. Godavery	948 12 1	224 15 0	3,840 15 6	6,156 12 5	10,671 7 0	... ...	... ...	10,671 7 0
4. Kistna...	... ...	... ...	8,015 2 7	8,669 15 10	16,685 2 5	... ...	... ...	16,685 2 5
5. Nellore	... ...	... ...	65,564 15 2	3,799 14 4	69,364 13 6	8,184 4 3	... ...	77,549 1 9
6. Cuddapah	... ...	305 0 11	25,924 1 5	3,204 4 5	29,433 6 9	... ...	... ...	29,433 6 9
7. Bellary	... ...	... ...	11,138 4 4	8,338 9 4	19,476 13 8	... ...	548 6 8	20,025 4 4
8. Kurnool	... ...	3 15 2	992 6 4	803 0 11	1,799 6 5	... ...	... ...	1,799 6 5
9. Madras	16 14 7	83 10 10	21,671 9 2	5,996 12 7	27,768 15 2	... ...	... ...	27,768 15 2
10. North Arcot	... ...	... ...	52,667 0 9	5,282 12 8	57,949 13 5	... ...	... ...	57,949 13 5
11. South Arcot	37 7 5	12 7 7	4,017 15 0	1,415 15 0	5,488 13 0	... ...	... ...	5,483 13 0
12. Tanjore	... ...	... ...	157 11 11	222 0 1	379 12 0	... ...	... ...	379 12 0
13. Trichinopoly	... ...	... ...	671 3 0	35 11 0	706 14 0	... ...	... ...	706 14 0
14. Madura	... ...	... ...	8,693 3 7	19 8 0	8,712 11 7	12,810 2 2	... ...	21,522 13 9
15. Tinnevelly...	... ...	... ...	13,068 14 5	108 3 6	13,177 1 11	... ...	... ...	13,177 1 11
16. Coimbatore	... ...	... ...	230 14 3	996 9 6	1,227 7 9	... ...	... ...	1,227 7 9
17. Neilgherries	... ...	... ...	50 10 9	2 2 9	52 13 6	... ...	... ...	52 13 6
18. Salem	... ...	... ...	34,679 7 0	1,408 7 10	36,087 14 10	... ...	... ...	36,087 14 10
19. South Canara	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
20. Malabar	... ...	... ...	2,064 7 4	... ...	2,064 7 4	... ...	... ...	2,064 7 4
Total...	1,003 2 1	953 5 11	2,55,954 3 11	49,127 5 5	3,07,038 1 4	20,994 6 5	548 6 8	3,28,580 14 5

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62. **Arrears Recoverable and Doubtful under Ryotwar, Shrotriem Jodi, and Miscellaneous.**—Some allusion has been already made in paragraph 55, to the recoverable portion of the old balances. The districts to which they appertain and the Fuslies for which they are due will be found in detail in the subjoined Statement, as required in paragraph 29 of the Governmen Order, on the last Settlement Report.

Districts.	Fusly 1261.	Fusly 1262.	Fusly 1263.	Fusly 1264.	Fusly 1265.	Fusly 1266.	Fusly 1267.	Fusly 1268.	Fusly 1269.	Fusly 1270.	Fusly 1271.	Fusly 1272.	Fusly 1273.	Fusly 1274.	Fusly 1275.	Fusly 1276.	Fusly 1277.	Total.	Subsequent collections & remissions up to Octr. 1869.	Balance.	Deduct amount now recommended for writing off the accounts.	Remaining Recoverable or Doubtful.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	303	158	1,547	2,043	7,122	11,208	1,714	9,494	5,524	3,970
2. Vizagapatam..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	551	592	...	592	471	121
3. Godavery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	104	173	1,408	10,767	1,925	9,903	41,798	42,344	56,409	76,758	2,41,589	6,373	2,35,216	9,723	2,25,493
4. Kistna	...	...	4	369	5	5	5	4	114	632	1,814	2,470	2,376	2,914	7,366	13,419	29,530	61,527	3,597	57,930	16,685	41,245
5. Nellore... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	194	398	75,912	76,518	991	75,527	69,365	6,162
6. Cuddapah ...	...	...	...	70	8	...	16	16	58	47	94	64	104	372	964	2,532	40,887	45,182	6,701	38,481	29,433	9,048
7. Bellary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	114	24	41	457	534	1,610	10,946	13,668	31,125	58,523	11,932	46,591	19,477	27,114
8. Kurnool ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	223	468	1,941	2,670	180	2,540	1,799	741
9. Madras... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	601	466	508	954	6,456	11,365	13,757	18,284	50,856	1,03,247	6,097	97,150	27,752	69,398
10. North Arcot...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	316	657	809	2,494	2,868	6,274	23,616	85,938	1,50,669	2,28,641	27,259	1,96,382	57,950	1,38,432
11. South Arcot...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	3,097	2,598	2,716	5,888	6,560	19,890	40,769	3,725	37,044	5,446	31,598
12. Tanjore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	119	78	2,949	3,299	2,416	8,861	1,768	7,093	380	6,713
13. Trichinopoly..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102	335	155	1,432	3,458	5,482	627	4,855	707	4,148
14. Madura... ...	...	...	...	...	4	67	93	185	183	190	182	184	164	179	210	572	10,580	12,793	1,154	11,639	8,718	2,926
15. Tinnevelly ...	342	15	11	16	9	48	347	379	440	359	543	2,842	1,044	828	3,206	4,479	22,629	37,067	4,982	32,085	13,177	18,908
16. Coimbatore ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	30	380	3,082	3,521	157	3,364	1,228	2,136
17. Neilgherries...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	22	11	28	64	76	1,027	580	670	2,686	1,653	1,033	53	980
18. Salem ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	133	50	359	393	2,703	3,901	41,829	48,868	2,363	46,505	36,088	10,417
19. South Canara	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	33	...	33	.. ...	33
20. Malabar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	2	153	324	2,856	6,174	9,525	1,288	8,237	2,064	6,173
Total ...	342	15	15	455	26	120	461	697	2,007	3,835	14,923	14,116	27,496	69,835	1,17,449	1,67,249	5,75,762	9,94,802	82,511	9,11,791	3,06,035	6,05,756

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It will be observed that the total amount at the close of Fusly 1278, was Rupees 9,94,302, ‡ 8,60,460. and that it was reduced by subsequent collections up to October 1869, to Rupees 9,11,791. The greater‡ portion of the old balances, it will be observed, appertained to the last three fuslies, and to the 6 districts named in the margin. Out of the large balance against the Godavery District, by far the greater portion is stated to be held in abeyance under the Order of the Board quoted in the margin, pending inquiry into a settlement of the question, whether certain Inam and Zemindary lands charged with water-rate were *mamool* wet or not. The large balance against North Arcot is no doubt due to the series of adverse seasons it has been subject to. Deducting the irrecoverable old balances now recommended for remission under the three heads, viz., Rupees 3,06,034-15-3 from Rs. 9,11,791, the balance still left, amounts to Rs. 6,05,756, outstanding chiefly against the districts named in the margin. The Collectors concerned should take steps with a view to adjust these balances at the earliest possible date.

	RS.
North Arcot	2,10,223
Godavery	1,75,511
Madras	82,897
Bellary	55,734
Salem	47,933
Cuddapah	44,333
Total	6,16,631

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Godavery.
Madras
North Arcot.
South Arcot.

63. Comparative view of the Collections from all Sources.—*Current and Arrears, within the Fusly.*—The following Statement exhibits the Collections, Current and Arrears under all heads of Revenue, in comparison with the previous year, the result being a net increase of nearly 35½ lacs of Rupees in the revenue actually brought into the Treasury.

	RS.
Fusly 1277.	6,26,19,420
„ 1278.	6,61,54,137
Increase	35,34,717

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease
	Current.	Arrears.	Total.	Current.	Arrears.	Total.		
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently Settled	41,17,876	6,85,504	48,03,380	41,64,808	8,50,778	50,15,586	2,12,206	...
Jodi on Shrotriem villages.	5,35,628	90,042	6,25,670	5,48,072	1,28,750	6,76,822	51,152	...
Ryotwar	298,66,017	18,32,273	316,98,290	309,64,495	25,89,120	335 53,615	18,55,325	...
Miscellaneous	25,18,026	6,03,387	31,21,413	26,96,162	7,96,328	34,92,490	3,71,077	...
Total...	370,37,547	32,11,206	402,48,753	383,73,537	43,64,976	427,38,513	24,89,760	...
Abkarry	44,59,914	6,47,722	51,07,636	45,77,726	3,28,363	49,06,089	...	2,01,547
Income-tax	...	...	...	73,556	...	73,556	73,556	...
License-tax	5,48,941	...	5,48,941	5,06,743	...	5,06,743	...	42,198
Salt	105,59,135	2,994	105,62,129	111,97,255	3,537	112,00,792	6,38,663	...
Sea-Customs	24,11,354	...	24,11,354	25,88,750	...	25,88,750	1,77,396	...
Land do.	1,51,606	...	1,51,606	1,89,756	...	1,89,756	38,150	...
Stamps	35,89,001	...	35,89,001	39,49,938	...	39,49,938	3,60,937	...
Total...	217,19 951	6,50,716	223,70,667	230,83,724	3,31,900	234,15,624	10,44,957	...
Grand Total...	587,57,498	38,61,922	626,19,420	614,57,261	46,96,876	661,54,137	35,34,717	..

64. Gross Revenue and Charges of Collection compared.—The Receipts of the year having been shown in the preceding paragraph, the marginal figures exhibit the total charges, which amounted to Rupees 62,61,759 or an increase of Rupees 3,73,006 over the preceding year. The increase in the charges of Management was due to the Collectors of several districts having drawn their full pay during the Fusly under report, while in the previous Fusly only deputation allowance had been drawn; and to the increased number of Assistants. The increase on extra charges was chiefly in Salt. The proportion of Charges to Receipts under each head of Revenue was, as shown by the figures in the margin, the ratio of the total Charges to Receipts being 9·4, or nearly the same as last year.

	Management.	Extra charges.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Fusly 1277...	42,15,827	16,72,926	58,88,753
„ 1278...	43,59,517	19,02,242	62,61,759
Increase...	......	.....	3,73,006

	Total Charges. RS	Percentage.
Land Revenue	40,55,699	9·5
Abkarry	2,60,025	5·3
Assessed taxes	59,138	10·1
Sea-Customs	2,08,654	8·0
Land-Customs	7,925	4·1
Salt	13,86,060	12·0
Stamps	2,84,258	7·2
Total	62,61,759	9·4

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65. **Extent of Coercive Process used in the realization of the Revenue.**—The usual Abstract Statement showing the extent to which the Law was put into force for the recovery of the Revenue is subjoined—

Districts.	Process issued.			Estimated value of property attached.			Property sold.					
							Land.		Personal property.		Total.	
	No. of Villages.	No. of Ryots.	Amount of arrears.	Land.	Personal property.	Total.	Estimated value.	Value for which actually sold.	Estimated value	Value for which actually sold.	Estimated value.	Value for which actually sold.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	264	772	7,513	2,364	4,392	6,656	704	854	432	470	1,136	1,324
2. Vizagapatam	55	89	917	220	517	737	125	145	65	77	190	222
3. Godavery	361	1,603	65,785	13,820	34,661	48,481	5,482	5,543	8,779	6,119	14,261	11,662
4. Kistna	236	608	20,337	1,736	7,993	9,729	1,320	1,369	1,972	2,093	3,292	3,462
5. Nellore	353	2,970	39,671	8,763	15,359	24,122	2,402	2,216	1,295	1,237	3,697	3,453
6. Cuddapah	211	730	10,916	4,266	3,946	8,212	1,618	1,284	666	662	2,284	1,946
7. Bellary	628	3,399	80,260	23,442	52,507	75,949	8,848	4,736	12,321	9,055	21,169	13,791
8. Kurnool	177	400	5,459	3,813	1,269	5,082	2,464	1,913	209	218	2,673	2,131
9. Madras	1,172	9,377	1,49,655	84,422	82,937	1,67,359	19,529	24,210	1,579	1,831	21,108	26,041
10. North Arcot	1,742	21,017	1,63,846	9,234	13,884	23,118	368	374	1,468	2,044	1,836	2,418
11. South Arcot	555	1,856	20,755	6,352	13,326	19,678	2,199	4 244	434	863	2,633	5,107
12. Tanjore	453	1,289	35,709	13,497	18,792	32,289	6,373	9,443	2,569	3,421	8,942	12,864
13. Trichinopoly	216	1,533	18,472	8,504	2,612	11,116	2,905	4,394	239	343	3,144	4,737
14. Madura	35	41	6,169	191	185	376	191	615	185	192	376	807
15. Tinnevelly...	54	172	8,403	4,391	2,128	6,519	4,391	6,617	2,128	2,323	6,519	8,940
16. Coimbatore	107	388	2,285	396	78	474	396	460	78	108	474	568
17. Neilgherries	3	26	1,237	469	63	532	452	305	63	129	515	434
18. Salem	913	2,425	27,093	2,118	10,801	12,919	456	1,920	909	1,151	1,365	3,071
19. South Canara	13	15	372	145	84	229	145	904	84	99	229	1,003
20. Malabar	11	32	6,127	3,220	2,200	5,420	2,632	1,110	378	399	3,010	1,509
Total ...	7,559	48,742	6,70,981	1,91,363	2,67,734	4,58,997	63,000	72,656	35,853	32,834	98,853	1,05,490

Processes were issued in 7,559 villages against 48,742 ryots for the recovery of Rupees 6,70,981, and property attached to the estimated value of Rupees 4,58,997. But property actually sold was only of the value of Rupees 1,05,490, of which *land* represented Rupees 72,656 and personal property Rupees 32,834.

66. MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS—*Hoonjiram and Palconda Estates.*—It has been usual to notice specially the Hoonjiram and Palconda Estates, in the Vizagapatam District, which are rented out to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. for a sum of Rupees 1,56,941. The whole rent was collected with the exception of Rupees 1,538. The marginal figures show the extent of land under each crop in comparison with the preceding year. The cultivation of sugar-cane has been steadily on the increase.

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
	Acres.	Acres.
Sugar-cane	381	390
Paddy	9,085	8,325
Indigo	1,271	,473
Other grains	2,306	2,453

Sugar-cane.	Acres.
1275	343
1276	263
1277	381
1278	390

67. MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS—*Revenue from sale of waste and escheated land.*—As usual the revenue from the redemption of assessments and quit-rents from the sale of unassessed waste lands under the Rules and from the sale of escheated lands sn Malabar are exhibited in the subjoined abstract. The chief item is of course the last. Hitherto the revenue from these sources has been kept out of the Land Revenue and credited to Deposits. From April 1869, however, they have been transferred to the Land Revenue Miscellaneous under the instructions of the Accountant-General, dated 31st May 1869, No. 1,391, and consequently the collections shown in foot-note in Statement No. 6, column 167, do not include the collections of the months of April, May and June 1869.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	2,63,025
,, 1278	2,87,386
Increase..	24,361

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Sale of lands in freehold for building purposes at an upset price equal to twenty-five times the land-tax	922	1,257	335	....
Redemption of assessment on assessed Government lands converted into freehold	276	1,399	1,123	....
Redemption of Inam lands other than Village Service Inams enfranchised on payment of quitrent	283	480	197	....
Sale of waste lands under new Rules of 5th March 1863	11,374	21,101	9,727	....
Sale of proprietary Right in the escheat of Malabar	2,50,170	2,63,149	12,979	....
Total	2,63,025	2,87,386	24,361	....

68. MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS—*State of the Village and Talook Accounts.*—The Village and Talook Accounts are reported by all Collectors to have been examined by themselves and their subordinates during the settlement, and found on the whole in a satisfactory condition. In the Madras District, the Curnums of many villages are still said to use Tamil figures. The Collectors should insist on the observance of the rule that English only should be used.

69. DELAY IN THE SUBMISSION OF THIS REPORT.—The Board regret that they have not been able to submit this report before the close of the calendar year, as prescribed by Government in their order on the last year's Settlement Report. The last report from the districts was not received until November 1869, and the pressure of work, in connection with the Revenue and Local Fund

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Budgets and matters relating to the deficit which required a constant watching and checking the progress of expenditure in the various branches, prevented the examination and compilation of the District Jummahbundy Returns at as early a date as could be wished. The present Report leaves the Board's Office at an earlier date than any of its predecessors within the last five years, and the Board hope to be able to submit the next one at a date considerably earlier, should no extraordinary delay occur in the arrival of the District Reports.

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. T. MAYNE,
First Assistant.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with nine Statements and a file of Collectors' Reports.

Copy to all Collectors,
with eight statements to each.

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No. 1.—*Statement showing the number of Villages settled and Puttahs issued by Covenanted and Uncovenanted Officers for Fusly* 1278.

DISTRICTS.	Settled by Collectors.			Settled by Sub-Collectors.			Settled by Head Assistants.			Settled by Deputy Collectors.			Total.						Last Fusly.		
															Distribution of Puttahs.						
	Number of Talooks.	Number of Villages.	Number of Puttahs.	Number of Talooks.	Number of Villages.	Number of Puttahs.	Number of Talooks.	Number of Villages.	Number of Puttahs.	Number of Talooks.	Number of Villages.	Number of Puttahs.	Number of Talooks.	Number of Villages.	Number of fresh Puttahs.	Old Puttahs modified by additional entries.	Old Puttahs not altered.	Total.	Number of Talooks.	Number of Villages.	Number of Puttahs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1. Ganjam ...	1	897	7,102	1	146	9,194	1	360	18,960	...	...	......	3	1,403	629	1,612	33,015	35,256	3	1,418	35,120
2. Vizagapatam	...	...	......	2	157	4,131	...	...	......	...	...	......	2	157	95	3,186	900	4,181	2	158	4,036
3. Godavery...	2	247	19,548	3	343	10,188	2	179	12,435	2	208	12,577	9	977	48,865	2,782	3,051	54,698	9	977	54,652
4. Kistna ...	3	419	31,474	5	588	65,318	3	329	33,150	..	...	......	11	1,336	22,000	13,144	94,798	1,29,942	11	1,351	1,31,708
5. Nellore ..	3	304	30,380	3	311	26,804	1	62	4,603	2	192	18,838	9	869	80,625	......	......	80,625	9	870	79,151
6. Cuddapah...	3	318	53,668	3	303	41,995	3	275	35,643	2	173	20,446	11	1,069	3,894	37,699	1,10,159	1,51,752	11	1,068	1,50,890
7. Bellary ...	2	474	17,800	5	606	38,602	6	839	60,532	2	380	19,686	15	2,299	92,698	8,482	35,440	1,36,620	15	2,301	1,36,501
8. Kurnool ...	2	169	19,255	...	...	......	3	233	33,759	3	295	35,501	8	697	41,406	567	46,542	88,515	8	697	87,257
9. Madras ...	3	428	14,842	3	1,058	24,451	1	247	10,690	...	...	......	7	1,733	49,983	......	......	49,983	7	1,733	48,598
10. North Arcot	3	1,254	69,062	2	767	49,355	4	902	62,447	...	...	......	9	2,923	1,80,864	......	......	1,80,864	9	2,923	1,84,871
11. South Arcot	2	698	57,768	2	785	65,361	2	896	81,773	2	629	67,938	8	3,008	2,72,840	......	......	2,72,840	8	3,006	2,70,681
12. Tanjore ...	1	178	9,283	2	627	25,146	3	912	37,399	3	694	51,261	9	2,411	23,931	38,052	61,106	1,23,089	9	2,411	1,24,670
13. Trichinopoly	3	703	71,689	...	...	......	1	189	28,374	1	363	35,194	5	1,255	3,231	38,118	93,908	1,35,257	5	1,255	1,34,716
14. Madura ...	1	41	27,215	2	251	38,509	1	84	19,660	2	404	52,888	6	780	1,38,272	......	......	1,38,272	6	781	1,38,858
15. Tinnevelly.	2	387	44,047	3	404	32,062	2	106	17,240	2	207	46,142	9	1,104	48,137	18,710	72,644	1,39,491	9	1,103	1,38,011
16. Coimbatore.	2	194	25,690	3	256	53,814	2	475	63,119	3	593	80,114	10	1,518	90,264	19,232	1,13,241	2,22,737	11	1,534	2,28,881
17. Neilgherries	1	17	2,532	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	1	17	147	......	2,385	2,532	...	......	......
18. Salem ...	4	815	1,17,363	3	1,367	64,080	1	281	10,491	1	93	20,741	9	2,556	15,459	13,711	1,83,505	2,12,675	9	2,556	2,16,710
19. SouthCanara	3	758	22,538	...	...	......	2	520	16,857	...	...	......	5	1,278	656	189	38,550	39,395	5	1,278	39,205
20. Malabar ...	2	42	11,177	4	180	62,129	2	120	46,484	2	89	39,587	10	431	4,218	9,741	1,45,418	1,59,377	10	432	1,65,864
Total...	43	8,333	6,52,433	46	8,149	6,11,089	40	7,009	5,93,616	27	4,320	5,00,913	156	27,816	11,18,214	2,05,175	10,34,662	23,58,051	156	27,847	23,59,335

No. 2.—*Comparative Statement of prices for Fusly* 1278.

DISTRICTS.	Commutation price converted to rupees per Madras garce of 3,200 measures of 120 rupees weight.		Paddy per garce.						Cholum or Javery per garce.			Cumboo or Bagera per garce.			Raggy per garce.			Horse-gram per garce.		
			First sort.			Second sort.														
	Wet land	Dry land.	Average price for 10 years, from Fusly 1268 to 1277.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Average price for 10 years, from Fusly 1268 to 1277.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Average price for 10 years, from Fusly 1268 to 1277.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Average price for 10 years, from Fusly 1268 to 1277.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Average price for 10 years, from Fusly 1268 to 1277.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Average price for 10 years, from Fusly 1268 to 1277.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Ganjam... ...	......	......	113	89	121	105	84	107	170	123	168	134	95	158	145	129	15	164	139	154
2. Vizagapatam..	153	238	135	85	149	125	77	136	157	103	173	138	77	161	151	97	180	157	124	168
3. Godavery ...	......	......	122	94	124	114	88	114	143	109	136	115	86	118	132	101	179	159	118	158
4. Kistna	151	156	164	152	156	154	142	146	190	189	169	170	185	151	148	153	135	198	167	184
5. Nellore... ...	83	117	175	191	179	160	176	167	197	224	166	177	198	159	170	185	146	227	238	199
6. Cuddapah ...	115	182	216	256	233	192	227	202	238	267	219	227	260	207	222	249	199	259	251	227
7. Bellary... ...	......	......	199	215	182	181	193	162	251	210	144	247	215	145	220	198	126	271	230	157
8. Kurnool ...	336	180	210	218	207	190	197	177	235	200	173	237	197	176	214	180	168	255	218	211
9. Madras... ...	78	......	179	210	228	164	192	206	235	240	247	214	238	221	228	266	241	283	291	277
10. North Arcot...	85	92	166	191	197	155	176	180	226	277	206	210	250	201	201	256	214	232	251	237
11. South Arcot...	70	70	167	173	184	152	154	170	198	206	221	184	208	206	190	212	215	234	235	229
12. Tanjore ...	56	......	165	172	168	152	157	154	205	227	205	177	163	155	170	196	163	252	247	234
13. Trichinopoly..	66	79	182	211	196	164	194	180	198	190	184	188	207	192	184	208	198	233	260	250
14. Madura... ...	59	46	175	254	226	170	231	202	160	228	185	161	227	195	174	222	186	200	274	259
15. Tinnevelly ...	76	......	230	241	235	197	200	196	239	238	225	235	218	210	221	199	200	282	294	289
16. Coimbatore ...	87	74	232	252	252	208	222	227	253	273	297	199	216	234	215	241	236	255	272	289
17. Neilgherries..	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	295	......	......	276	......	......	303	......	......	320
18. Salem	186	192	193	207	195	176	189	178	219	252	220	192	216	185	204	244	201	220	240	228
19. South Canara.	139	......	......	......	......	159	144	148	......	......	......	......	......	......	231	252	228	282	284	305
20. Malabar ...	76	59	199	183	206	187	178	189	230	......	192	244	......	......	246	247	273	299	300	315
Average...	113	119	179	183	191	163	164	170	206	209	201	191	191	185	193	202	198	234	233	234

No. 3.—Statement of Ryots' Holdings, Cultivation, and Settlement for Fusly 1278.

DISTRICTS.	Villages.	RYOTS' HOLDINGS.			
		Dry.		Wet.	
		Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6
		ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Ganjam	1,403	1,07,405	1,38,070	1,77,510	5,07,215
2. Vizagapatam... ...	157	53,407	56,806	24,499	1,26,111
3. Godavery...	977	4,58,180	7,44,510	2,17,176	6,14,485
4. Kistna	1,336	14,75,464	22,44,666	1,53,911	8,65,874
5. Nellore	869	6,50,447	8,37,008	1,94,994	8,91,632
6. Cuddapah	1,069	11,54,964	8,35,538	1,47,382	9,85,074
7. Bellary	2,299	22,76,061	14,48,395	1,61,672	6,30,407
8. Kurnool...	697	11,56,634	11,13,346	27,423	1,85,409
9. Madras	1,733	2,24,027	3,44,946	2,63,449	10,22,651
10. North Arcot... ...	2,923	4,34,218	6,11,255	2,06,724	11,90,690
11. South Arcot	3,003	9,21,763	16,06,816	2,74,978	14,68,790
12. Tanjore...	2,411	2,79,527	3,49,253	7,29,885	35,77,444
13. Trichinopoly... ...	1,255	8,05,111	7,59,336	1,26,786	5,35,280
14. Madura...	780	6,81,152	8,82,924	1,51,538	6,32,405
15. Tinnevelly	1,104	11,19,408	8,42,093	1,75,666	17,95,121
16. Coimbatore	1,518	21,30,938	19,56,217	85,413	6,54,757
17. Neilgherries	17	57,279	27,624	159	360
18. Salem	2,556	10,63,654	13,74,898	67,279	4,42,387
Total...	26,107	150,49,639	161,83,701	31,86,444	161,26,092
19. South Canara... ...	1,278	......	......	......	......
20. Malabar...	431	3,87,713	6,00,730	3,81,832	11,60,448
Total...	27,816	154,37,352	167,84,431	35,68,276	172,86,540

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DISTRICTS.	RYOTS' HOLDINGS.—(*Continued.*)		DEDUCT LANDS			
	TOTAL.		DRY.		WET.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	7	8	9	10	11	12
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Ganjam ...	2,84,915	6,45,285	2,674	3,391	2,082	5,314
2. Vizagapatam.	77,906	1,82,917	2,120	2,057	762	3,832
3. Godavery ...	6,75,356	13,58,995	48,884	1,11,341	27,507	67,014
4. Kistna... ...	16,29,375	31,10,540	47,019	61,727	34,710	1,89,688
5. Nellore ...	8,45,441	17,28,640	27,727	32,732	5,942	27,956
6. Cuddapah ..	13,02,346	18,20,612	22,824	30,248	2,793	17,205
7. Bellary... ...	24,37,733	20,78,802	1,60,200	76,751	7,557	29,220
8. Kurnool ...	11,84,057	12,98,755	47,096	38,614	937	15,114
9. Madras... ...	4,87,476	13,67,597	9,319	14,664	4,211	16,411
10. North Arcot.	6,40,942	18,01,945	10,993	15,882	3,445	19,970
11. South Arcot.	11,96,741	30,75,606	83,881	1,44,049	5,216	27,582
12. Tanjore ...	10,09,412	39,26,697	3,280	3,520	10,019	46,384
13. Trichinopoly.	9,31,897	12,94,616	25,184	23,944	289	1,016
14. Madura ...	8,32,690	15,25,329	31,126	36,306	2,998	13,091
15. Tinnevelly...	12,95,074	26,37,214	5,596	9,957	1,885	47,378
16. Coimbatore...	22,16,351	26,10,974	44,911	39,047	2,116	12,579
17. Neilgherries.	57,438	27,984	754	352	119	270
18. Salem... ...	11,30,933	18,17,285	43,334	54,238	1,889	12,323
Total...	182,36,083	323,09,793	6,16,922	6,98,820	1,14,477	5,52,347
19. South Canara	......	......	......	......	......	......
20. Malabar ...	7,69,545	17,61,178	1,04,875	72,884	125	1,343
Total...	190,05,628	340,70,971	7,21,797	7,71,704	1,14,602	5,53,790

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GIVEN UP.		REMAINDER.					
TOTAL.		DRY.		WET.		TOTAL.	
Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
4,756	8,705	1,04,731	1,34,679	1,75,428	5,01,901	2,80,159	6,36,580
2,882	5,889	51,287	54,749	23,737	1,22,279	75,024	1,77,028
76,391	1,78,355	4,09,296	6,33,169	1,89,669	5,47,471	5,98,965	11,80,640
81,729	2,51,415	14,28,445	21,82,939	1,19,201	6,76,186	15,47,646	28,59,125
33,669	60,688	6,22,720	8,04,276	1,89,052	8,63,676	8,11,772	16,67,952
25,617	47,453	11,32,140	8,05,290	1,44,589	9,67,869	12,76,729	17,73,159
1,67,757	1,05,971	21,15,861	13,71,644	1,54,115	6,01,187	22,69,976	19,72,831
48,033	53,728	11,09,538	10,74,732	26,486	1,70,295	11,36,024	12,45,027
13,530	31,075	2,14,708	3,30,282	2,59,238	10,06,240	4,73,946	13,36,522
14,438	35,852	4,23,225	5,95,873	2,03,279	11,70,720	6,26,504	17,66,093
89,097	1,71,631	8,37,882	14,62,767	2,69,762	14,41,208	11,07,644	29,03,975
13,299	49,904	2,76,247	3,45,733	7,19,866	35,81,060	9,96,113	38,76,793
25,473	24,960	7,79,927	7,35,392	1,26,497	5,34,264	9,06,424	12,69,656
34,124	49,397	6,50,026	8,56,618	1,48,540	6,19,314	7,98,566	14,75,932
7,481	57,335	11,13,812	8,32,136	1,73,781	17,47,743	12,87,593	25,79,879
47,027	51,626	20,86,027	19,17,170	83,297	6,42,178	21,69,324	25,59,348
873	622	56,525	27,272	40	90	56,565	27,362
45,223	66,561	10,20,320	13,20,660	65,390	4,30,064	10,85,710	17,50,724
7,31,399	12,51,167	144,32,717	154,84,881	30,71,967	155,73,745	175,04,684	310,58,626
......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
1,05,000	74,327	2,82,838	5,27,846	3,81,707	11,59,005	6,64,545	16,86,851
8,36,399	13,25,494	147,15,555	160,12,727	34,53,674	167,32,750	181,69,229	327,45,477

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No. 3.—Statement of Ryots' Holdings,

DISTRICTS.	LANDS TAKEN UP.					
	DRY.		WET.		TOTAL.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	21	22	23	24	25	26
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Ganjam	1,988	2,215	2,422	7,002	4,410	9,217
2. Vizagapatam ...	1,896	1,539	820	3,758	2,716	5,297
3. Godavery... ...	29,209	93,374	34,988	96,196	64,197	1,89,570
4. Kistna	52,451	69,243	12,872	70,068	65,323	1,39,311
5. Nellore	56,871	62,398	11,018	39,985	67,889	1,02,383
6. Cuddapah... ...	38,400	18,239	2,548	14,847	40,948	33,086
7. Bellary	1,91,686	73,296	6,200	24,114	1,97,886	97,410
8. Kurnool	51,951	37,329	919	7,337	52,870	44,666
9. Madras	26,035	40,013	10,805	35,597	36,840	75,610
10. North Arcot ...	25,897	33,150	4,448	23,705	30,345	56,855
11. South Arcot ...	87,825	1,47,598	7,474	38,711	95,299	1,86,309
12. Tanjore	6,192	7,754	11,519	51,456	17,711	59,210
13. Trichinopoly ...	43,340	38,666	1,003	3,457	44,343	42,123
14. Madura	72,302	81,017	4,488	18,299	76,790	99,316
15. Tinnevelly... ...	6,985	9,729	1,206	37,751	8,191	47,480
16. Coimbatore ...	56,783	48,657	3,204	16,528	59,987	65,185
17. Neilgherries ...	2,422	3,155	.....	......	2,422	3,155
19. Salem...	54,273	63,648	1,896	12,225	56,169	75,873
Total...	8,06,506	8,31,020	1,17,830	5,01,036	9,24,336	13,32,056
19. South Canara ...	......	......	......	......	......	......
20. Malabar	1,18,059	85,697	1,241	2,442	1,19,300	88,139
Total...	9,24,565	9,16,717	1,19,071	5,03,478	10,43,636	14,20,195

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TOTAL HOLDINGS.					
DRY.		WET.		TOTAL.	
Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
27	28	29	30	31	32
ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1,06,719	1,36,894	1,77,850	5,08,903	2,84,569	6,45,797
53,183	56,288	24,557	1,26,037	77,740	1,82,325
4,38,505	7,26,543	2,24,657	6,43,667	6,63,162	13,70,210
14,80,896	22,52,182	1,32,073	7,46,254	16,12,969	29,98,436
6,79,591	8,66,674	2,00,070	9,03,661	8,79,661	17,70,335
11,70,540	8,23,529	1,47,137	9,82,716	13,17,677	18,06,245
23,07,547	14,44,940	1,60,315	6,25,301	24,67,862	20,70,241
11,61,489	11,12,061	27,405	1,77,632	11,88,894	12,89,693
2,40,743	3,70,295	2,70,043	10,41,837	5,10,786	14,12,132
4,49,122	6,28,523	2,07,727	11,94,425	6,56,849	18,22,948
9,25,707	16,10,365	2,77,236	14,79,919	12,02,943	30,90,284
2,82,439	3,53,487	7,31,385	35,82,516	10,13,824	39,36,003
8,23,267	7,74,058	1,27,500	5,37,721	9,50,767	13,11,779
7,22,328	9,37,635	1,53,028	6,37,613	8,75,356	15,75,248
11,20,797	8,41,865	1,74,987	17,85,494	12,95,784	26,27,359
21,42,810	19,65,827	86,501	6,58,706	22,29,311	26,24,533
58,947	30,427	40	90	58,987	30,517
10,74,593	13,84,308	67,286	4,42,289	11,41,879	18,26,597
152,39,223	163,15,901	31,89,797	160,74,781	184,29,020	323,90,682
......	......	......	......	......	13,85,104
4,00,897	6,13,543	3,82,948	11,61,447	7,83,845	17,74,990
1,56,40,120	169,29,444	35,72,745	172,36,228	192,12,865	355,50,776

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No. 3.—Statement of Ryots' Holdings,

DISTRICTS.	Second-crop Assessment.	Additional Assessment.	Water-tax.	Total.
	33	34	35	36
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	......	11	......	6,45,808
2. Vizagapatam	......	2,408	......	1,84,733
3. Godavery	......	1,746	8,17,005	21,88,961
4. Kistna...	......	......	33,931	30,32,367
5. Nellore	11,215	24,065	......	18,05,615
6. Cuddapah	63,871	45,824	......	19,15,940
7. Bellary	1,01,488	35,448	3,513	22,10,690
8. Kurnool	18,485	14,496	11,384	13,34,058
9. Madras	67,477	15,865	6,297	15,01,771
10. North Arcot	40,564	22,175	......	18,85,687
11. South Arcot	30,596	1,23,968	......	32,44,848
12. Tanjore	63,323	82,093	38,364	41,19,783
13. Trichinopoly	85,772	3,708	21,269	14,22,528
14. Madura	48,689	342	......	16,24,279
15. Tinnevelly...	......	......	......	26,27,359
16. Coimbatore...	282	356	9,029	26,34,200
17. Neilgherries	......	......	......	30,517
18. Salem...	535	36,493	......	18,63,625
Total...	5,32,297	4,08,998	9,40,792	342,72,769
19. South Canara	......	......	......	13,85,104
20. Malabar	......	......	......	17,74,990
Total...	5,32,297	4,08,998	9,40,792	374,32,863

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DEDUCT REMISSIONS.			Remaining Ryotwar Demand.	Add Miscellaneous items.	Total settled Demand.
Waste remissions as per Enclosure A.	Remissions as particularized in Statement No. 4.	Total.			
37	38	39	40	41	42
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
101	18,073	18,174	6,27,634	66,002	6,93,636
1,814	60,063	61,877	1,22,856	1,76,250	2,99,106
4,762	79,238	84,000	21,04,961	9,63,660	30,68,621
17,079	1,03,978	1,21,057	29,11,310	3,09,759	32,21,069
1,50,039	27,461	1,77,500	16,28,115	2,19,921	18,48,036
99,620	35,117	1,34,737	17,81,203	1,86,344	19,67,547
52,650	12,150	64,800	21,45,890	2,54,261	24,00,151
5,941	52,527	58,468	12,75,590	1,80,697	14,56,287
2,88,369	3,71,878	6,60,247	8,41,524	1,47,227	9,88,751
2,19,717	2,61,001	4,80,718	14,04,969	1,37,055	15,42,024
1,52,472	6,62,578	8,15,050	24,29,798	64,789	24,94,587
26,282	1,18,332	1,44,614	39,75,169	1,18,703	40,93,872
418	44,924	45,342	13,77,186	61,051	14,38,237
1,12,623	1,52,969	2,65,592	13,58,687	50,839	14,09,526
39,959	1,44,409	1,84,368	24,42,991	2,38,111	26,81,102
17,568	1,20,258	1,37,826	24,96,374	59,313	25,55,687
......	943	943	29,574	11,865	41,439
10,221	1,49,495	1,59,716	17,03,509	83,514	17,87,423
11,99,635	24,15,394	36,15,029	306,57,740	33,29,361	339,87,101
......	42,370	42,370	13,42,734	63,907	14,06,641
......	12,837	12,837	17,62,153	1,01,845	18,63,998
11,99,635	24,70,601	36,70,236	337,62,627	34,95,113	372,57,740

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A. in No. 3.—*Statement showing the particulars*

DISTRICTS.	TOTAL HOLDINGS. Dry. Extent.	Dry. Assessment.	Wet. Extent.	Wet. Assessment.	Total. Extent.	Total. Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Ganjam	1,06,719	1,36,894	1,77,850	5,08,903	2,84,569	6,45,797
2. Vizagapatam ...	53,183	56,288	24,557	1,26,037	77,740	1,82,325
3. Godavery... ...	4,38,505	7,26,543	2,24,657	6,43,667	6,63,162	13,70,210
4. Kistna	14,80,896	22,52,182	1,32,073	7,46,254	16,12,969	29,98,436
5. Nellore	6,79,591	8,66,674	2,00,070	9,03,661	8,79,661	17,70,335
6. Cuddapah... ...	11,70,540	8,23,529	1,47,137	9,82,716	13,17,677	18,06,245
7. Bellary	23,07,547	14,44,940	1,60,315	6,25,301	24,67,862	20,70,241
8. Kurnool	11,61,489	11,12,061	27,405	1,77,632	11,88,894	12,89,693
9. Madras	2,40,743	3,70,295	2,70,043	10,41,837	5,10,786	14,12,132
10. North Arcot ...	4,49,122	6,28,523	2,07,727	11,94,425	6,56,849	18,22,948
11. South Arcot ...	9,25,707	16,10,365	2,77,236	14,79,919	12,02,943	30,90,284
12. Tanjore	2,82,439	3,53,487	7,31,385	35,82,516	10,13,824	39,36,003
13. Trichinopoly ...	8,23,267	7,74,058	1,27,500	5,37,721	9,50,767	13,11,779
14. Madura	7,22,328	9,37,635	1,53,028	6,37,613	8,75,356	15,75,248
15. Tinnevelly ...	11,20,797	8,41,865	1,74,987	17,85,494	12,95,784	26,27,359
16. Coimbatore ...	21,42,810	19,65,827	86,501	6,58,706	22,29,311	26,24,533
17. Neilgherries ...	58,947	30,427	40	90	58,987	30,517
18. Salem	10,74,593	13,84,308	67,286	4,42,289	11,41,879	18,26,597
19. South Canara ...	......	......	......	......	......	13,85,104
20. Malabar	4,00,897	6,13,544	3,82,948	11,61,446	7,83,845	17,74,990
Total...	156,40,120	169,29,445	35,72,745	172,36,227	192,12,865	355,50,776

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WASTE REMITTED.					
Dry.		Wet.		Total.	
Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
8	9	10	11	12	13
ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
......	......	34	101	34	101
......	......	463	1,814	463	1,814
......	......	2,169	4,762	2,169	4,762
130	106	3,218	16,973	3,348	17,079
4	8	33,338	1,50,031	33,342	1,50,039
46	33	18,315	99,587	18,361	99,620
121	93	12,389	52,557	12,510	52,650
26	13	772	5,928	798	5,941
59,073	91,637	56,399	1,96,732	1,15,472	2,88,369
34,235	46,810	34,034	1,72,907	68,269	2,19,717
12,248	18,821	27,322	1,33,651	39,570	1,52,472
29	20	7,055	26,262	7,084	26,282
......	......	......	418	......	418
56,593	59,395	15,051	53,228	71,644	1,12,623
......	1,656	5,361	38,303	5,361	39,959
23	22	3,118	17,546	3,141	17,568
......	......	......	......	......	......
......	......	1,975	10,221	1,975	10,221
......	......	......	......	......	......
......	......	......	......	......	......
1,62,528	2,18,614	2,21,013	9,81,021	3,83,541	11,99,635

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DISTRICTS.	REMAINDER					
	Waste Charged.					
	Dry.		Wet.		Total.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	14	15	16	17	18	19
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Ganjam	1,092	1,086	332	938	1,424	2,024
2. Vizagapatam ...	5,222	3,877	306	1,423	5,528	5,300
3. Godavery	1,88,804	1,89,909	12,275	28,798	2,01,079	2,18,707
4. Kistna	1,47,953	1,96,739	4,567	25,861	1,52,520	2,22,600
5. Nellore	1,01,528	1,15,840	3,935	17,441	1,05,463	1,33,281
6. Cuddapah	49,398	20,055	4,314	17,463	53,712	37,518
7. Bellary	1,40,292	53,027	7,326	20,152	1,47,618	73,179
8. Kurnool	30,220	19,156	685	3,366	30,905	22,522
9. Madras	6,577	6,802	551	2,072	7,128	8,874
10. North Arcot ...	24,052	27,308	2,484	11,652	26,536	38,960
11. South Arcot ...	87,155	1,43,121	5,382	24,873	92,537	1,67,994
12. Tanjore	48,135	54,923	40,341	1,26,835	88,476	1,81,758
13. Trichinopoly ...	81,907	53,026	5,927	19,198	87,834	72,224
14. Madura	20,617	24,891	6,036	21,270	26,653	46,161
15. Tinnevelly... ...	2,59,669	1,17,230	9,584	83,300	2,69,253	2,00,530
16. Coimbatore ...	3,27,318	2,51,995	4,352	31,296	3,31,670	2,83,291
17. Neilgherries ...	14,011	6,213	......	......	14,011	6,213
18. Salem...	18,869	21,484	2,001	9,661	20,870	31,145
19. South Canara ...	......	......	......	......	......	......
20. Malabar	4,821	1,804	761	1,142	5,582	2,946
Total...	15,57,640	13,08,486	1,11,159	4,46,741	16,68,799	17,55,227

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CULTIVATION.

Actual Cultivation.					
Dry.		Wet.		Total.	
Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
20	21	22	23	24	25
ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1,05,627	1,35,808	1,77,484	5,07,864	2,83,111	6,43,672
47,961	52,411	23,788	1,22,800	71,749	1,75,211
2,49,701	5,36,634	2,10,213	6,10,107	4,59,914	11,46,741
13,32,813	20,55,337	1,24,288	7,03,420	14,57,101	27,58,757
5,78,059	7,50,826	1,62,797	7,36,189	7,40,856	14,87,015
11,21,096	8,03,441	1,24,508	8,65,665	12,45,604	16,69,106
21,67,134	13,91,820	1,40,600	5,52,592	23,07,734	19,44,412
11,31,243	10,92,892	25,948	1,68,338	11,57,191	12,61,230
1,75,093	2,71,856	2,13,093	8,43,034	3,88,186	11,14,890
3,90,835	5,54,405	1,71,209	10,09,866	5,62,044	15,64,271
8,26,304	14,48,423	2,44,532	13,21,395	10,70,836	27,69,818
2,34,275	2,98,544	6,83,989	34,29,419	9,18,264	37,27,963
7,41,360	7,21,032	1,21,573	5,18,105	8,62,933	12,39,137
6,45,118	8,53,349	1,31,941	5,63,115	7,77,059	14,16,464
8,61,128	7,22,979	1,60,042	16,63,891	10,21,170	23,86,870
18,15,469	17,13,810	79,031	6,09,864	18,94,500	23,23,674
44,936	24,214	40	90	44,976	24,304
10,55,724	13,62,824	63,310	4,22,407	11,19,034	17,85,231
......	......	......	......	......	13,85,104
3,96,076	6,11,739	3,82,187	11,60,305	7,78,263	17,72,044
139,19,952	154,02,344	32,40,573	158,08,466	171,60,525	325,95,914

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B. in No. 3.—*Statement showing the amount of Road and Village Service Cesses collected and remitted in the several Districts for Fusly* 1278.

DISTRICTS.	Road Cess in Ryotwary Villages.			Merah to Village Servants.		
	Included in the assessment and deducted as an item of remission.	Added to the assessment and then deducted.	Total Road Cess collected and remitted.	Included in the assessment and then deducted as an item of remission.	Added to the assessment and then deducted.	Total Merah collected and remitted.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	......	28,431	28,431	......	16,838	16,838
2. Vizagapatam ...	......	6,992	6,992	353	......	353
3. Godavery... ...	26,667	40,460	67,127	33,030	......	33,030
4. Kistna	9,586	1,41,165	1,50,751	50,265	38,050	88,315
5. Nellore	......	74,838	74,838	322	1,011	1,333
6. Cuddapah... ...	......	55,152	55,152	858	......	858
7. Bellary	......	1,09,065	1,09,065	288	......	288
8. Kurnool	12,844	70,793	83,637	32,120	......	32,120
9. Madras	......	54,063	54,063	10,915	98,054	1,08,969
10. North Arcot ...	1,048	80,300	81,348	91,998	7,742	99,740
11. South Arcot ...	383	81,760	82,143	1,92,172	1,215	1,93,387
12. Tanjore	......	1,28,063	1,28,063	91,896	120	92,016
13. Trichinopoly ...	27,793	33,874	61,667	582	......	582
14. Madura	......	68,346	68,346	2,839	......	2,839
15. Tinnevelly ...	......	1,22,889	1,22,889	44,741	......	44,741
16. Coimbatore ...	......	98,243	98,243	......	......	......
17. Neilgherries ...	......	905	905	62	......	62
18. Salem	......	79,089	79,089	1,10,958	......	1,10,958
19. South Canara ...	......	42,760	42,760	6,912	......	6,912
20. Malabar	......	54,168	54,168	......	90,140	90,140
Total...	78,321	13,71,356	14,49,677	6,70,311	2,53,170	9,23,481

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No. 3 *C.—Comparative Statement of Cultivation and Settlement of the Ryotwar Land Revenue, Fusly* 1278.

DISTRICTS.	DRY.				
	Land.				Assessment.
	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.		Fusly 1277.
			Increase.	Decrease.	
1	2	3	4	5	6
	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Ganjam	1,07,405	1,06,719	......	686	1,38,070
2. Vizagapatam	53,407	53,183	......	224	56,806
3. Godavery	4,58,180	4,38,505	......	19,675	7,44,510
4. Kistna	14,75,464	14,80,896	5,432	......	22,44,666
5. Nellore	6,50,447	6,79,591	29,144	......	8,37,008
6. Cuddapah...	11,54,964	11,70,540	15,576	......	8,35,538
7. Bellary	22,76,061	23,07,547	31,486	......	14,48,395
8. Kurnool	11,56,634	11,61,489	4,855	......	11,13,346
9. Madras	2,24,027	2,40,743	16,716	......	3,44,946
10. North Arcot	4,34,218	4,49,122	14,904	......	6,11,255
11. South Arcot	9,21,763	9,25,707	3,944	......	16,06,816
12. Tanjore	2,79,527	2,82,439	2,912	......	3,49,253
13. Trichinopoly	8,05,111	8,23,267	18,156	......	7,59,336
14. Madura	6,81,152	7,22,328	41,176	......	8,92,924
15. Tinnevelly	11,19,408	11,20,797	1,389	......	8,42,093
16. Coimbatore	21,30,938	21,42,810	11,872	......	19,56,217
17. Neilgherries	57,279	58,947	1,668	......	27,624
18. Salem	10,63,654	10,74,593	10,939	......	13,74,898
Total...	150,49,639	152,39,223	2,10,169	20,585	161,83,701
19. South Canara	......	......	......	......	......
20. Malabar	3,87,713	4,00,897	13,184	......	6,00,730
Total...	154,37,352	156,40,120	2,23,353	20,585	167,84,431
		Net Increase.	2,02,768	......	......

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DISTRICTS.	DRY.—(*Concluded.*) Assessment.			Land.	
	Fusly 1278.	Comparison. Increase.	Comparison. Decrease.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
	7	8	9	10	11
	RS.	RS.	RS.	ACRES.	ACRES.
1. Ganjam	1,36,894	......	1,176	1,77,510	1,77,850
2. Vizagapatam	56,288	......	518	24,499	24,557
3. Godavery...	7,26,543	......	17,967	2,17,176	2,24,657
4. Kistna	22,52,182	7,516	......	1,53,911	1,32,073
5. Nellore	8,66,674	29,666	......	1,94,994	2,00,070
6. Cuddapah...	8,23,529	......	12,009	1,47,382	1,47,137
7. Bellary	14,44,940	......	3,455	1,61,672	1,60,315
8. Kurnool	11,12,061	......	1,285	27,423	27,405
9. Madras	3,70,295	25,349	......	2,63,449	2,70,043
10. North Arcot	6,28,523	17,268	......	2,06,724	2,07,727
11. South Arcot	16,10,365	3,549	......	2,74,978	2,77,236
12. Tanjore	3,53,487	4,234	......	7,29,885	7,31,385
13. Trichinopoly	7,74,058	14,722	......	1,26,786	1,27,500
14. Madura	9,37,635	44,711	......	1,51,538	1,53,028
15. Tinnevelly...	8,41,865	......	228	1,75,666	1,74,987
16. Coimbatore	19,65,827	9,610	......	85,413	86,501
17. Neilgherries	30,427	2,803	......	159	40
18. Salem	13,84,308	9,410	......	67,279	67,286
Total...	1,63,15,901	1,68,838	36,638	31,86,444	31,89,797
19. South Canara	......	......	......	......	......
20. Malabar	6,13,544	12,814	......	3,81,832	3,82,948
Total...	1,69,29,445	1,81,652	36,638	35,68,276	35,72,745
	Net Increase.	1,45,014	......	......	...

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WET.					
		Assessment.			
Comparison.		Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
Increase.	Decrease.			Increase.	Decrease.
12	13	14	15	16	17
ACRES.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
340	......	5,07,215	5,08,903	1,688	......
58	......	1,26,111	1,26,037	......	74
7,481	......	6,14,485	6,43,667	29,182	......
......	21,838	8,65,874	7,46,254	......	1,19,620
5,076	......	8,91,632	9,03,661	12,029	......
......	245	9,85,074	9,82,716	......	2,358
......	1,357	6,30,407	6,25,301	......	5,106
......	18	1,85,409	1,77,632	......	7,777
6,594	......	10,22,651	10,41,837	19,186	......
1,003	......	11,90,690	11,94,425	3,735	......
2,258	......	14,68,790	14,79,919	11,129	......
1,500	......	35,77,444	35,82,516	5,072	......
714	......	5,35,280	5,37,721	2,441	......
1,490	......	6,32,405	6,37,613	5,208	......
......	679	17,95,121	17,85,494	......	9,627
1,088	......	6,54,757	6,58,706	3,949	......
......	119	360	90	......	270
7	......	4,42,387	4,42,289	......	98
27,609	24,256	161,26,092	160,74,781	93,619	1,44,930
......	......	......	......	......	......
1,116	......	11,60,448	11,61,446	998	......
28,725	24,256	172,86,540	172,36,227	94,617	1,44,930
4,469	......	......	......	Net Decrease	50,313

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DISTRICTS.	TOTAL.				
	LAND.				
	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.		Fusly 1277.
			Increase.	Decrease.	
	18	19	20	21	22
	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Ganjam	2,84,915	2,84,569	......	346	6,45,285
2. Vizagapatam	77,906	77,740	......	166	1,82,917
3. Godavery	6,75,356	6,63,162	......	12,194	13,58,995
4. Kistna	16,29,375	16,12,969	......	16,406	31,10,540
5. Nellore	8,45,441	8,79,661	34,220	......	17,28,640
6. Cuddapah...	13,02,346	13,17,677	15,331	......	18,20,612
7. Bellary	24,37,733	24,67,862	30,129	......	20,78,802
8. Kurnool	11,84,057	11,88,894	4,837	......	12,98,755
9. Madras	4,87,476	5,10,786	23,310	......	13,67,597
10. North Arcot	6,40,942	6,56,849	15,907	......	18,01,945
11. South Arcot	11,96,741	12,02,943	6,202	......	30,75,606
12. Tanjore	10,09,412	10,13,824	4,412	......	39,26,697
13. Trichinopoly	9,31,897	9,50,767	18,870	......	12,94,616
14. Madura	8,32,690	8,75,356	42,666	......	15,25,329
15. Tinnevelly	12,95,074	12,95,784	710	......	26,37,214
16. Coimbatore	22,16,351	22,29,311	12,960	......	26,10,974
17. Neilgherries	57,438	58,987	1,549	......	27,984
18. Salem	11,30,933	11,41,879	10,946	......	18,17,285
Total...	182,36,083	184,29,020	2,22,049	29,112	323,09,793
19. South Canara	......	......	......	......	13,83,138
20. Malabar	7,69,545	7,83,845	14,300	......	17,61,178
Grand Total...	190,05,628	192,12,865	2,36,349	29,112	354,54,109
	Net Increase..	......	2,07,237	......	......

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Assessment.			Second Crop Assessment.			
Fusly 1278.	Comparison.		Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
	Increase.	Decrease.			Increase.	Decrease.
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
6,45,797	512	......	......	......	......	......
1,82,325	......	592	......	......	......	......
13,70,210	11,215	......	......	......	......	......
29,98,436	......	1,12,104	......	......	......	......
17,70,335	41,695	......	2,930	11,215	8,285	......
18,06,245	......	14,367	51,293	63,871	12,578	......
20,70,241	......	8,561	85,009	1,01,488	16,479	......
12,89,693	......	9,062	23,463	18,485	......	4,978
14,12,132	44,535	......	59,058	67,477	8,419	......
18,22,948	21,003	......	32,569	40,564	7,995	......
30,90,284	14,678	......	38,456	30,596	......	7,860
39,36,003	9,306	......	56,861	63,323	6,462	......
13,11,779	17,163	......	82,075	85,772	3,697	......
15,75,248	49,919	......	44,184	48,689	4,505	......
26,27,359	......	9,855	......	......	......	......
26,24,533	13,559	......	307	282	......	25
30,517	2,533	......	......	......	......	......
18,26,597	9,312	......	529	535	6	......
3,23,90,682	2,35,430	1,54,541	4,76,734	5,32,297	68,426	12,863
13,85,104	1,966	......	......	......	......	......
17,74,990	13,812	......	......	......	......	......
3,55,50,776	2,51,208	1,54,541	4,76,734	5,32,297	68,426	12,863
......	96,667	......	......	Net Increase.	55,563	......

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DISTRICTS.	ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT.				
	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.		Fusly 1277.
			Increase.	Decrease.	
	30	31	32	33	34
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	11	11	......	......	......
2. Vizagapatam	2,846	2,408	......	438	......
3. Godavery	1,740	1,746	6	......	8,51,100
4. Kistna	......	......	......	......	16,379
5. Nellore	21,000	24,065	3,065	......	......
6. Cuddapah...	38,940	45,824	6,884	......	......
7. Bellary	30,968	35,448	4,480	......	1,244
8. Kurnool	13,744	14,496	752	......	6,490
9. Madras	15,971	15,865	......	106	4,514
10. North Arcot	20,551	22,175	1,624	......	......
11. South Arcot	1,25,599	1,23,968	......	1,631	......
12. Tanjore	82,331	82,093	......	238	34,806
13. Trichinopoly	3,304	3,708	404	......	17,194
14. Madura	230	342	112	......	......
15. Tinnevelly...	......	......	......	......	......
16. Coimbatore	165	356	191	......	8,651
17. Neilgherries	......	......	......	......	......
18. Salem	34,051	36,493	2,442	......	......
Total...	3,91,451	4,08,998	19,960	2,413	9,40,378
19. South Canara	......	......	......	......	......
20. Malabar	......	......	......	......	......
Grand Total...	3,91,451	4,08,998	19,960	2,413	9,40,378
	Net Increase.	......	17,547	......	......

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WATER-TAX.			TOTAL.			
Fusly 1278.	Comparison.		Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
	Increase.	Decrease.			Increase.	Decrease.
35	36	37	38	39	40	41
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
......	......	......	6,45,296	6,45,808	512	......
......	......	.....	1,85,763	1,84,733	......	1,030
8,17,005	......	34,095	22,11,835	21,88,961	......	22,874
33,931	17,552	......	31,26,919	30,32,367	......	94,552
......	......	......	17,52,570	18,05,615	53,045	......
......	......	......	19,10,845	19,15,940	5,095	......
8,513	2,269	......	21,96,023	22,10,690	14,667	......
11,384	4,894	......	13,42,452	13,34,058	......	8,394
6,297	1,783	......	14,47,140	15,01,771	54,631	......
......	......	......	18,55,065	18,85,687	30,622	......
......	......	......	32,39,661	32,44,848	5,187	......
38,364	3,558	......	41,00,695	41,19,783	19,088	......
21,269	4,075	......	13,97,189	14,22,528	25,339	......
......	......	......	15,69,743	16,24,279	54,536	......
......	......	......	26,37,214	26,27,359	......	9,855
9,029	378	......	26,20,097	26,34,200	14,103	......
......	......	......	27,984	30,517	2,533	......
......	......	......	18,51,865	18,63,625	11,760	......
9,40,792	34,509	34,095	341,18,356	342,72,769	2,91,118	1,36,705
......	......	......	13,83,138	13,85,104	1,966	......
......	......	......	17,61,178	17,74,990	13,812	......
9,40,792	34,509	34,095	372,62,672	374,32,863	3,06,896	1,36,705
......	414	......	......	Net Increase.	1,70,191	......

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DISTRICTS.	DEDUCT			
	Waste Remissions as per Enclosure A.			
	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1878.	Comparison. Increase.	Comparison. Decrease.
	42	43	44	45
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	......	101	101	......
2. Vizagapatam	......	1,814	1,814	......
3. Godavery	15,964	4,762	......	11,202
4. Kistna	56,580	17,079	......	39,501
5. Nellore	1,43,922	1,50,039	6,117	......
6. Cuddapah	1,69,599	99,620	......	69,979
7. Bellary	1,34,289	52,650	......	81,639
8. Kurnool	16,983	5,941	......	11,042
9. Madras	2,33,676	2,88,369	54,693	......
10. North Arcot	2,67,350	2,19,717	......	47,633
11. South Arcot	1,12,939	1,52,472	39,533	......
12. Tanjore	45,472	26,282	......	19,190
13. Trichinopoly	12,312	418	......	11,894
14. Madura	1,13,331	1,12,623	......	708
15. Tinnevelly...	81,021	39,959	......	41,062
16. Coimbatore...	94,533	17,568	......	76,965
17. Neilgherries	......	......	......	......
18. Salem...	20,942	10,221	......	10,721
Total...	15,18,913	11,99,635	1,02,258	4,21,536
19. South Canara	......	......	......	......
20. Malabar	......	......	......	......
Grand Total...	15,18,913	11,99,635	1,02,258	4,21,536
	......	......	Net Decrease.	3,19,278

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REMISSIONS.

Remissions as particularized in Statement No. 4.				Total.	
Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.		Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1878.
		Increase.	Decrease.		
46	47	48	49	50	51
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
8,520	18,073	9,553	......	8,520	18,174
369	60,063	59,694	......	369	61,877
29,488	79,238	49,750	......	45,452	84,000
1,19,570	1,03,978	......	15,592	1,76,150	1,21,057
35,040	27,461	......	7,579	1,78,962	1,77,500
58,505	35,117	......	23,388	2,28,104	1,34,737
79,700	12,150	......	67,550	2,13,989	64,800
49,810	52,527	2,717	......	66,793	58,468
4,88,578	3,71,878	......	1,16,700	7,22,254	6,60,247
3,30,360	2,61,001	......	69,359	5,97,710	4,80,718
6,22,123	6,62,578	40,455	......	7,35,062	8,15,050
76,065	1,18,332	42,267	......	1,21,537	1,44,614
82,845	44,924	......	37,921	95,157	45,342
2,75,834	1,52,969	......	1,22,865	3,89,165	2,65,592
2,29,063	1,44,409	......	84,654	3,10,084	1,84,368
3,07,995	1,20,258	......	1,87,737	4,02,528	1,37,826
......	943	943	......	......	943
177,245	1,49,495	......	27,750	1,98,187	1,59,716
29,71,110	24,15,394	2,05,379	7,61,095	44,90,023	36,15,029
34,959	42,370	7,411	......	34,959	42,370
11,912	12,837	925	......	11,912	12,837
30,17,981	24,70,601	2,13,715	7,61,095	45,36,894	36,70,236
......	......	......	5,47,380	......	......

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DISTRICTS.	TOTAL REMISSIONS.—(*Continued.*) Comparison. Increase.	Decrease.	REMAINING Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
	52	53	54	55
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	9,654	......	6,36,776	6,27,634
2. Vizagapatam	61,508	......	1,85,394	1,22,856
3. Godavery	38,548	......	21,66,383	21,04,961
4. Kistna...	......	55,093	29,50,769	29,11,310
5. Nellore	......	1,462	15,73,608	16,28,115
6. Cuddapah	......	93,367	16,82,741	17,81,203
7. Bellary	......	1,49,189	19,82,034	21,45,890
8. Kurnool	......	8,325	12,75,659	12,75,590
9. Madras	......	62,007	7,24,886	8,41,524
10. North Arcot	......	1,16,992	12,57,355	14,04,969
11. South Arcot	79,988	......	25,04,599	24,29,798
12. Tanjore	23,077	......	39,79,157	39,75,169
13. Trichinopoly	......	49,815	13,02,032	13,77,186
14. Madura	......	1,23,573	11,80,579	13,58,687
15. Tinnevelly	......	1,25,716	23,27,130	24,42,991
16. Coimbatore	......	2,64,702	22,17,569	24,96,374
17. Neilgherries	943	......	27,984	29,574
18. Salem...	......	38,471	16,53,678	17,03,909
Total...	2,13,718	10,88,712	296,28,333	306,57,740
19. South Canara	7,411	......	13,48,179	13,42,734
20. Malabar	925	......	17,49,266	17,62,153
Grand Total...	2,22,054	10,88,712	327,25,778	337,62,627
	Net Decrease.	8,66,658	......	Net Increase.

the Ryotwar Land Revenue, Fusly 1278.—(Continued.)

BERIZ.		ADD MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AS PER STATEMENT No. 5.			
Comparison.		Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
Increase.	Decrease.			Increase.	Decrease.
56	57	58	59	60	61
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
......	9,142	70,007	66,002	......	4,005
......	62,538	1,80,258	1,76,250	......	4,008
......	61,422	10,50,264	9,63,660	......	86,604
......	39,459	3,18,553	3,09,759	......	8,794
54,507	......	1,98,378	2,19,921	21,543	......
98,462	......	1,84,286	1,86,344	2,058	......
1,63,856	......	2,45,107	2,54,261	9,154	......
......	69	1,86,791	1,80,697	......	6,094
1,16,638	......	1,49,490	1,47,227	......	2,263
1,47,614	......	1,40,141	1,37,055	......	3,086
......	74,801	68,867	64,789	......	4,078
......	3,989	1,17,134	1,18,703	1,569	......
75,154	......	46,712	61,051	14,339	......
1,78,109	......	62,506	50,839	......	11,667
1,15,861	......	2,31,443	2,38,111	6,668	......
2,78,805	....	64,899	59,313	......	5,586
1,590	......	......	11,865	11,865	......
50,231	......	85,968	83,514	......	2,454
12,80,827	2,51,420	34,00,804	33,29,361	67,196	1,38,639
......	5,445	45,346	63,907	18,561	......
12,887	.. ...	9,160	1,01,845	92,685	......
12,93,714	2,56,865	34,55,310	34,95,113	1,78,442	1,38,639
10,36,849	......	......	......	39,803	......

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Comparative Statement of Cultivation and Settlement of the Ryotwar Land Revenue Fusly 1278.—(Concluded.)

DISTRICTS.	TOTAL BERIZ.			
	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	62	63	64	65
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	7,06,783	6,93,636	......	13,147
2. Vizagapatam	3,65,652	2,99,106	......	66,546
3. Godavery	32,16,647	30,68,621	......	1,48,026
4. Kistna	32,69,322	32,21,069	......	48,253
5. Nellore	17,71,986	18,48,036	76,050	......
6. Cuddapah	18,67,027	19,67,547	1,00,520	......
7. Bellary	22,27,141	24,00,151	1,73,010	......
8. Kurnool	14,62,450	14,56,287	......	6,163
9. Madras	8,74,376	9,88,751	1,14,375	......
10. North Arcot	13,97,496	15,42,024	1,44,528	......
11. South Arcot	25,73,466	24,94,587	......	78,879
12. Tanjore	40,96,292	40,93,872	......	2,420
13. Trichinopoly	13,48,744	14,38,237	89,493	......
14. Madura	12,43,084	14,09,526	1,66,442	......
15. Tinnevelly...	25,58,573	26,81,102	1,22,529	......
16. Coimbatore...	22,82,468	25,55,687	2,73,219	......
17. Neilgherries	27,984	41,439	13,455	... ..
18. Salem...	17,39,646	17,87,423	47,777	......
Total...	330,29,137	3,39,87,101	13,21,398	3,63,434
19. South Canara	13,93,525	14,06,641	13,116	......
20. Malabar...	17,58,426	18,63,998	1,05,572	......
Grand Total...	361,81,088	3,72,57,740	14,40,086	3,63,434
	......	Net Increase.	10,76,652	......

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No. 4.—Statement showing the particulars of Remissions in Fusly 1278.

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Occasional remissions or those granted at the Jummahbundy with reference to the state of the season.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Shamilat Bunjer or portions of fields left waste	74,650	85,934	11,284	......
2. Shavy or withered crops	11,38,765	6,59,003	......	4,79,762
3. Palanastam or loss of produce... ...	4,35,811	4,96,065	60,254	......
4. Panyboodthy or land flooded	174	1,255	1,081	......
5. Payamaly or land injured by water...	2,625	3,215	590	......
6. Cowle remissions...	24,619	16,296	......	8,323
7. Teazagary or remissions to privileged classes...	6,856	6,557	......	299
8. Teerva Cummee...	1,30,699	92,415	......	38,284
9. Fassal Cummee or second crop not cultivated	68,169	67,384	......	785
10. Miscellaneous remissions	3,49,391	78,903	......	2,70,488
Total...	22,31,759	15,07,027	73,209	7,97,941
Net...	......	......	......	7,24,732
Fixed remissions...	97,801	1,12,678	14,877	......
Items allowed on the collections or from the entire revenue of villages.				
1. Share of Shrotriem proceeds	1,00,338	98,137	......	2,201
2. Cuttubadi, etc.	5,102	4,127	......	975
3. Road Cess	75,943	78,321	2,378	......
4. Village Service Cess...	5,07,038	6,70,311	1,63,273	......
Total...	6,88,421	8,50,896	1,65,651	3,176
Net...	......	......	1,62,475	......
Grand Total...	30,17,981	24,70,601	2,53,737	8,01,117
Net...	......	......	......	5,47,380

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No. 5.—Comparative Abstract of Land Revenue Miscellaneous Items for Fusly 1278.

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Jody on sundry, etc., Inams	11,93,706	11,75,391	......	18,315
2. Tax on trees on unassessed lands ...	1,07,752	1,04,102	......	3,650
3. Cess for repairs of tanks	3,168	3,243	75	......
4. Revenue from rented villages... ...	1,36,889	1,35,990	......	899
5. Do. from Amany villages ...	1,726	3,745	2,019	......
6. Land cultivated, but not included in the Jummahbundy	2,26,545	2,28,384	1,839	......
7. Concealed cultivation	4,105	4,006	......	99
8. Cultivation of unclaimed Inams ...	2,404	4,267	1,863	......
9. Do. of Porumboke lands ...	41,525	43,996	2,471	......
10. Do. of lands belonging to Pagodas where there is no worship.	361	465	104	......
11. Do. of Chuttrum Inams ...	96	81	......	15
12. Grazing-tax or grass-rent	72,027	93,654	21,627	......
13. Rent of gardens and topes	56,466	46,772	......	9,694
14. Inam Tuffreek	8,654	4,021	......	4,633
15. Revenue from reverted Inams... ...	12,061	8,267	......	3,794
16. Collection from Village Service Inams for Offices vacant	18,717	14,208	......	4,509
17. Revenue from sequestered Inams ...	15,628	15,656	28	......
18. Do. from hill villages	45,643	41,869	......	3,774
19. Do. from lands on the sides and slopes of hills	702	1,014	312	......
20. Do. from boundary lands in dispute	2,228	1,709	......	519
21. Do. from lands assessed at favourable rates	21,257	6,162	......	15,095
22. Honey rent	115	123	8	......
23. Wax rent	14	13	......	1
24. Chalk rent...	4,235	3,470	......	765
25. Chunam shell rent	11,165	11,800	635	......
26. Brick-kiln rent	......	......	......	......
27. Cardamom rent	501	1,966	1,465	......
28. Rent on Palmira trees	1,38,355	1,42,041	3,686	......
29. Do. on soapnut trees	1,055	1,120	65	......
30. Do. on fruit trees	18,874	17,399	......	1,475
31. Do. on roots for dyeing cloth ...	1,439	5,783	4,344	......
32. Do. on medicinal roots	557	727	170	......
33. Do. on lime quarries	23	26	3	......
34. Do. on Padoogay lands or those situated near rivers	172	64	......	108
35. Do. of islands situated in rivers ...	2,27,328	90,451	......	1,36,877
36. Sale of durbay grass	73	1	......	72
37. Diamond mine rent...	336	682	346	......
38. Cultivation of jungle lands newly cleared by burning in South Canara.	8,546	4,723	......	3,823
39. Do. of dry lands or huckle cultivation in do.	1,493	1,363	......	130
40. Commission on the sale of distrained property attached for arrears of Land Revenue	1,522	2,171	649	......
41. Do. on private estates under Circar management	10,180	6,518	......	3,662
42. Tax on backyards in excess of the limit allowed...	2,071	2,140	69	......
43. Revenue fines	38,970	39,544	574	......
44. Savings and refunds...	1,968	2,154	186	......
45. Excess collection over the demand...	4,589	5,222	633	......
46. Water-tax on Zemindary and Inam, etc., lands	7,54,623	7,84,030	29,407	......

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No.5.—Comparative Abstract of Land Revenue Miscellaneous, etc.—(Concluded.)

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
47. Quit-rent on bungalows and gardens.	27,092	27,648	556	......
48. Do. and ground-rent in the town of Madras	78,512	79,056	514	......
49. Russums collected from Zemindars, etc.	45,827	46,457	630	
50. Revenue derived from coir, the produce of Amendevi islands in South Canara	25,886	43,746	17,860	......
51. Rattan and Coray rent	334	......	......	334
52. Ooligam allowance to Village Officers undrawn	194	......	......	194
53. Other items	77,571	2,37,673	1,60,102	......
Total...	34,55,310	34,95,113	39,803	......
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS UNDER OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE.				
Abkarry.				
Fees for licenses	10,754	12,659	1,905	......
Other items	5,782	3,723	......	2,059
Total...	16,536	16,382	......	154
Salt.				
Custom duty on salt	4,008	......	......	4,008
Savings and refunds	2,945	3,465	520	......
Other items	183	918	735	......
Total...	7,136	4,383	......	2,753
Sea Customs.				
Fines and forfeitures	1,391	2,585	1,194	......
Other items	5,288	22,498	17,210	......
Total...	6,679	25,083	18,404	......
Land Customs.				
Sale of smuggled goods	29	1,203	1,174	......
Other items	119	15	......	104
Total...	148	1,218	1,070	......
Stamps.				
Penalties on unstamped papers	2,081	156	......	1,925
Do. levied by Courts	48,381	246	......	48,135
Cost of Suits in pauper cases	2,029	973	......	1,056
Other items	913	238	......	675
Total...	53,404	1,613	......	51,791
License Tax.				
Fines and forfeitures	380	1,911	1,531	......
Total...	380	1,911	1,531	......
Grand Total...	35,39,593	35,45,703	6,110	......

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No. 5.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and

DISTRICTS.	LAND						
	PERMANENTLY						
	Demand.			Collection.			
				Arears.		Current.	
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Collection.	Remission.	Collection.	Remission.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam... ...	603	4,30,954	4,31,557	603	...	4,22,357	...
2. Vizagapatam...	43,608	9,70,081	10,13,689	43,608	...	9,44,371	...
3. Godavery ...	47,918	7,37,667	7,85,585	39,823	1,901	7,13,910	...
4. Kistna	93,373	2,97,962	3,91,335	93,373	...	2,86,112	...
5. Nellore	1,849	4,22,659	4,24,508	1,849	...	3,10,379	...
6. Cuddapah ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Bellary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Kurnool... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Madras	40,367	1,06,548	1,46,915	40,319	28	75,214	...
Do. Town...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. North Arcot ...	2,31,784	5,09,844	7,41,628	1,90,971	...	3,67,991	...
11. South Arcot ...	1,884	8,636	10,520	1,769	75	4,508	...
12. Tanjore... ...	132	31,434	31,566	132	...	29,994	...
13. Trichinopoly...	4,027	49,889	53,916	4,027	...	45,522	...
14. Madura... ...	4,60,672	7,85,159	12,45,831	3,43,183	...	2,99,211	...
15. Tinnevelly ...	16,694	3,08,047	3,24,741	16,694	...	2,93,648	...
16. Coimbatore ...	...	27,691	27,691	...	...	27,289	...
17. Neilgherries ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18. Salem	77,105	4,44,951	5,22,056	69,427	104	3,34,302	...
19. South Canara...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20. Malabar... ...	5,000	15,000	20,000	5,000	...	10,000	...
Total...	10,25,016	51,46,522	61,71,538	8,50,778	2,108	41,64,808	...

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Balance of all Sources of Revenue for Fusly 1278.

REVENUE.

SETTLED.

Total.	Balance. Arrears.	Balance. Current.	Balance. Total.	Subsequent collections and remissions up to 31st October 1869. Arrears.	Subsequent collections and remissions up to 31st October 1869. Current.	Subsequent collections and remissions up to 31st October 1869. Total.	Balance. Arrears. Recoverable and doubtful.	Balance. Arrears. Irrecoverable. RS.	A.	P.	Balance. Arrears. Total.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			18
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.
4,22,960	...	8,597	8,597	...	6,955	6,955	...	...	...	...	...
9,87,979	...	25,710	25,710	...	23,343	23,343	...	...	...	...	...
7,55,634	6,194	23,757	29,951	2,586	18,989	21,575	2,659	948	12	1	3,608
3,79,485	...	11,850	11,850	...	10,519	10,519	...	...	...	...	...
3,12,228	...	1,12,280	1,12,280	...	1,12,280	1,12,280	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
1,15,561	20	31,334	31,354	2	19,520	19,522	1	16	14	7	18
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5,58,962	40,813	1,41,853	1,82,666	10,254	1,25,433	1,35,687	30,559	...	...	..	30,559
6,352	40	4,128	4,168	1	4,091	4,092	2	37	7	5	39
30,126	...	1,440	1,440	...	1,440	1,440	...	...	...	...	...
49,549	...	4,367	4,367	...	4,367	4,367	...	...	...	...	...
6,42,394	1,17,489	4,85,948	6,03,437	...	2,80,189	2,80,189	1,17,489	...	...	...	1,17,489
3,10,342	...	14,399	14,399	...	14,399	14,399	...	...	...	...	...
27,289	...	402	402	...	402	402	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4,03,833	7,574	1,10,649	1,18,223	1,527	68,254	69,781	6,047	...	...	...	6,047
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15,000	...	5,000	5,000	...	5,000	5,000	...	...	...	...	...
50,17,694	1,72,130	9,81,714	11,53,844	14,370	6,95,181	7,09,551	1,56,757	1,003	2	1	1,57,760

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No. 6.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and

DISTRICTS.	LAND				
	PERMANENTLY SETTLED. (*Concluded.*)		SHROTRIEM		
	Balance.		Demand.		
	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
	19	20	21	22	23
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	1,642	1,642	3,528	24,865	28,393
2. Vizagapatam	2,367	2,367	635	51,030	51,665
3. Godavery	4,768	8,376	3,214	30,338	33,552
4. Kistna	1,331	1,331	4,347	32,231	36,578
5. Nellore	...	...	20,338	84,729	1,05,067
6. Cuddapah	...	...	10,154	41,411	51,565
7. Bellary	...	...	9,884	26,692	36,576
8. Kurnool	...	..	450	12,760	13,210
9. Madras	11,814	11,832	36,195	76,726	1,12,921
Do. Town	...	...	...	...	...
10. North Arcot	16,420	46,979	12,429	23,408	35,837
11. South Arcot	37	76	10,375	21,691	32,066
12. Tanjore	...	...	5,044	1,21,646	1,26,690
13. Trichinopoly	...	...	4,376	12,619	16,995
14. Madura	2,05,759	3,23,248	9,362	26,896	36,258
15. Tinnevelly	...	...	5,632	41,317	46,949
16. Coimbatore	...	...	671	3,418	4,089
17. Neilgherries	...	...	...	...	...
18. Salem	42,395	48,442	15,658	36,399	52,057
19. South Canara	...	...	...	...	...
20. Malabar	...	...	133	2,552	2,685
Total...	2,86,533	4,44,293	1,52,425	6,70,728	8,23,153

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Balance of all Sources of Revenue, etc.—Continued.)

REVENUE.—(*Continued.*)

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Collections and Remissions.					Balance.		
Arrears.		Current.		Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
Collections.	Remissions.	Collections.	Remissions.				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
2,651	593	21,746	...	24,990	284	3,119	3,403
76	338	50,967	...	51,381	221	63	284
1,999	877	29,420	...	32,296	338	918	1,256
1,928	14	30,459	...	32,401	2,405	1,772	4,177
18,252	204	63,681	...	82,137	1,882	21,048	22,930
8,813	523	32,871	...	42,207	818	8,540	9,358
9,425	...	20,683	...	30,108	459	6,009	6,468
442	...	12,517	...	12,959	8	243	251
32,230	2,085	47,257	...	81,572	1,880	29,469	31,349
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8,324	...	11,064	...	19,368	4,105	12,344	16,449
9,471	269	12,105	...	21,791	689	9,586	10,275
4,800	53	1,20,741	...	1,25,594	191	905	1,096
2,718	...	9,763	...	12,481	1,658	2,856	4,514
8,783	84	24,361	...	33,228	495	2,535	3,030
4,740	...	35,948	...	40,688	892	5,369	6,261
671	...	2,715	...	3,386	...	703	703
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13,348	32	19,274	...	32,654	2,278	17,125	19,403
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
133	...	2,500	...	2,633	...	52	52
1,28,750	5,072	5,48,072	...	6,81,894	18,603	1,22,656	1,41,259

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No. 6.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and

DISTRICTS.	LAND — SHROTRIEM — Subsequent collections and remissions up to 31st October 1869. — Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Balance. — Arrears. — Recoverable and doubtful.	Irrecoverable.			Total.
	32	33	34	35	36			37
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.
1. Ganjam	55	2,426	2,481	74	155	...	8	229
2. Vizagapatam	...	34	34	53	168	3	9	221
3. Godavery	1	765	766	112	224	15	...	337
4. Kistna	9	869	878	2,396	...	...	...	2,396
5. Nellore	11	20,282	20,293	1,871	...	...	...	1,871
6. Cuddapah	214	6,822	7,036	299	305	...	11	604
7. Bellary	294	5,468	5,762	165	...	...	...	165
8. Kurnool	4	193	197	...	3	15	2	4
9. Madras	63	21,365	21,428	1,733	83	10	10	1,817
Do. Town	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. North Arcot	786	3,854	4,640	3,319	...	...	...	3,319
11. South Arcot	87	7,874	7,961	590	12	7	7	602
12. Tanjore	143	899	1,042	48	...	...	...	48
13. Trichinopoly	241	1,821	2,062	1,417	...	...		1,417
14. Madura	96	1,920	2,016	399	...	...	...	399
15. Tinnevelly	877	5,273	6,150	15	...	...	...	15
16. Coimbatore	...	703	703	...	...	...	..	...
17. Neilgherries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18. Salem	108	12,385	12,493	2,170	...	...	...	2,170
19. South Canara	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
20. Malabar	...	52	52	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	2,989	93,005	95,994	14,661	953	5	11	15,614

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Balance of all Sources of Revenue, etc.—(Continued.)

REVENUE.—(*Continued.*)

Jodi.		Ryotwar.				
		Demand.			Collections and Remissions.	
					Arrears.	
Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Collections.	Remissions.
38	39	40	41	42	43	44
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
693	922	53,440	6,27,634	6,81,074	17,970	28,191
29	250	676	1,22,857	1,23,533	137	484
153	490	53,693	21,04,961	21,58,654	30,658	13,249
903	3,299	95,541	29,11,310	30,06,851	62,142	4,896
766	2,637	2,94,904	16,28,115	19,23,019	2,09,355	19,409
1,718	2,322	1,96,730	17,81,203	19,77,933	1,58,683	5,346
541	706	2,97,576	21,45,890	24,43,466	2,40,381	28,692
50	54	11,398	12,75,590	12,86,988	7,149	2,900
8,104	9,921	2,48,831	8,41,524	10,90,355	1,85,539	26,801
...	...	...	...	..	...	...
8,490	11,809	5,62,756	14,04,969	19,67,725	3,97,627	22,705
1,712	2,314	2,18,946	24,29,798	26,48,744	1,71,198	13,577
6	54	1,69,765	39,75,169	41,44,934	1,58,882	3,347
1,035	2,452	39,732	13,77,186	14,16,918	36,851	759
615	1,014	2,36,520	13,58,687	15,95,207	2,24,874	349
96	111	2,71,016	24,42,991	27,14,007	2,34,527	5,527
...	...	1,75,344	24,96,374	26,71,718	1,70,165	2,801
...	...	10,501	29,574	40,075	6,639	1,548
4,740	6,910	2,87,759	17,03,909	19,91,668	2,32,653	13,289
...	...	5,386	13,42,733	13,48,119	5,371	...
...	...	49,277	17,62,153	18,11,430	38,319	1,433
29,651	45,265	32,79,791	3,37,62,627	3,70,42,418	25,89,120	1,95,303

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No. 6.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and

DISTRICTS.	LAND — RYOT — Collections and Remissions.—(Concluded.) — Current — Collections.	Remissions.	Total.	Balance. — Arrears.	Current.	Total.
	45	46	47	48	49	50
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	6,10,397	...	6,56,558	7,279	17,237	24,516
2. Vizagapatam... ...	1,22,578	...	1,23,199	55	279	334
3. Godavery	20,67,538	...	21,11,445	9,786	37,423	47,209
4. Kistna	28,56,216	...	29,23,254	28,503	55,094	83,597
5. Nellore	13,20,953	...	15,49,717	66,140	3,07,162	3,73,302
6. Cuddapah	16,58,349	...	18,22,378	32,701	1,22,854	1,55,555
7. Bellary	20,41,307	...	23,10,380	28,503	1,04,583	1,33,086
8. Kurnool...	12,67,622	...	12,77,671	1,349	7,968	9,317
9. Madras	6,98,213	...	9,10,553	36,491	1,43,311	1,79,802
Do. Town. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. North Arcot	8,18,256	...	12,38,588	1,42,424	5,86,713	7,29,137
11. South Arcot	18,51,301	..	20,36,076	34,171	5,78,497	6,12,668
12. Tanjore	39,03,710	...	40,65,939	7,536	71,459	78,995
13. Trichinopoly... ...	13,60,605	...	13,98,215	2,122	16,581	18,703
14. Madura	11,89,246	...	14,14,469	11,297	1,69,441	1,80,738
15. Tinnevelly	22,26,839	...	24,66,893	30,962	2,16,152	2,47,114
16. Coimbatore	23,66,306	...	25,39,272	2,378	1,30,068	1,32,446
17. Neilgherries... ...	16,478	13,015	37,680	2,314	81	2,395
18. Salem	15,31,665	...	17,77,607	41,817	1,72,244	2,14,061
19. South Canara ...	13,36,237	...	13,41,608	15	6,496	6,511
20. Malabar	17,20,679	...	17,60,431	9,525	41,474	50,999
Total...	3,09,64,495	13,015	3,37,61,933	4,95,368	27,85,117	32,80,485

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Balance of all Sources of Revenue, etc.—(Continued.)

REVENUE.—(*Continued.*)

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Subsequent collections and remissions up to 31st October 1869.			Balance.							
			Arrears.					Current.	Total.
Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Recoverable and doubtful.	Irrecoverable.			Total.		
51	52	53	54	55			56	57	58
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1,555	11,339	12,894	2,774	2,950	5	...	5,724	5,898	11,622
...	107	107	...	55	...	5	55	172	227
1,417	28,000	29,417	5,028	3,340	15	6	8,369	9,423	17,792
2,373	34,797	37,170	18,115	8,015	2	7	26,130	20,297	46,427
203	2,37,572	2,37,775	372	65,564	15	2	65,937	69,590	1,35,527
3,252	92,821	96,073	3,525	25,924	1	5	29,449	30,033	59,482
5,803	87,552	93,355	11,562	11,138	4	4	22,700	17,031	39,731
49	4,687	4,736	308	992	6	4	1,300	3,281	4,581
2,863	89,735	92,598	11,956	21,671	9	2	33,628	53,576	87,204
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23,717	3,56,059	3,79,776	66,040	52,667	...	9	1,18,707	2,30,654	3,49,361
2,618	5,13,065	5,15,683	27,535	4,017	15	...	31,553	65,432	96,985
1,461	63,022	64,483	5,917	157	11	11	6,075	8,437	14,512
270	11,556	11,826	1,181	671	3	...	1,852	5,025	6,877
617	1,59,202	1,59,819	1,987	8,693	3	7	10,680	10,239	20,919
3,212	1,86,501	1,89,713	14,681	13,068	14	5	27,750	29,651	57,401
86	1,22,345	1,22,431	2,061	230	14	3	2,292	7,723	10,015
1,556	11	1,567	707	50	10	9	758	70	828
1,483	1,34,998	1,36,481	5,654	34,679	7	...	40,334	37,246	77,580
...	5,899	5,899	15	...	...	...	15	597	612
1,289	29,633	30,922	6,172	2,064	7	4	8,236	11,841	20,077
53,824	21,68,901	22,22,725	1,85,590	2,55,954	3	11	4,41,544	6,16,216	10,57,760

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No. 6.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and

DISTRICTS.	LAND			
	MISCEL			
	Demand.			Collections
				Ar
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Collections.
	59	60	61	62
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	20,388	66,002	86,390	8,997
2. Vizagapatam	31,162	1,76,250	2,07,412	30,345
3. Godavery	3,59,269	9,63,660	13,22,929	92,185
4. Kistna...	1,23,958	3,09,759	4,33,717	85,471
5. Nellore	90,128	2,19,921	3,10,049	74,332
6. Cuddapah	70,855	1,86,344	2,57,199	56,310
7. Bellary	1,35,424	2,54,261	3,89,685	93,115
8. Kurnool	6,963	1,80,697	1,87,660	4,307
9. Madras...	1,43,017	1,47,227	2,90,244	50,373
Do. Town	...	...	...	...
10. North Arcot	1,45,009	1,37,055	2,82,064	61,263
11. South Arcot...	45,710	64,789	1,10,499	37,770
12. Tanjore	5,778	1,18,703	1,24,481	4,520
13. Trichinopoly	11,195	61,051	72,246	8,525
14. Madura	44,481	50,839	95,320	43,472
15. Tinnevelly	1,07,129	2,38,111	3,45,240	1,01,492
16. Coimbatore...	9,790	59,313	69,103	8,428
17. Neilgherries	3,663	11,865	15,528	1,942
18. Salem	37,785	83,514	1,21,299	31,845
19. South Canara	1,654	63,907	65,561	1,636
20. Malabar	...	1,01,845	1,01,845	...
Total...	13,93,358	34,95,113	48,88,471	7,96,328

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Balance of all Sources of Revenue, etc.—(Continued.)

REVENUE.—(*Continued.*)

LANEOUS.

and Remissions.			Balance.		
rears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
Remissions.	Collections.				
63	64	65	66	67	68
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
7,746	61,282	78,025	3,645	4,720	8,365
501	1,46,477	1,77,323	316	29,773	30,089
35,619	8,04,435	9,32,239	2,31,466	1,59,225	3,90,691
7,868	2,30,122	3,23,461	30,619	79,637	1,10,256
7,300	1,28,833	2,10,465	8,496	91,088	99,584
2,882	1,39,042	1,98,234	11,663	47,302	58,965
12,748	2,08,563	3,14,426	29,561	45,698	75,259
1,343	1,76,768	1,82,418	1,313	3,929	5,242
27,768	90,512	1,68,653	64,876	56,715	1,21,591
...	...	...	...	...	...
6,634	39,146	1,07,043	77,112	97,909	1,75,021
2,031	28,062	67,863	5,909	36,727	42,636
124	1,13,521	1,18,165	1,134	5,182	6,316
968	50,697	60,190	1,702	10,354	12,056
8	27,939	71,419	1,001	22,900	23,901
424	1,61,339	2,63,255	5,212	76,772	81,984
219	52,504	61,151	1,143	6,809	7,952
1,349	11,511	14,802	372	354	726
1,167	60,295	93,307	4,773	23,219	27,992
...	63,269	64,905	18	638	656
...	1,01,845	1,01,845	...	...	...
1,16,699	26,96,162	36,09,189	4,80,331	7,98,951	12,79,282

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No. 6.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and

DISTRICTS.	LAND — MISCELLANEOUS. Subsequent collections and remissions up to 31st October 1869. Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Balance. Arrears. Recoverable and doubtful.	Irrecoverable.			Total.
	69	70	71	72	73			74
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.
1. Ganjam	104	2,719	2,823	1,123	2,418	6	8	3,541
2. Vizagapatam ...	1	29,666	29,667	67	248	2	7	315
3. Godavery ...	4,956	76,131	81,087	2,20,353	6,156	12	5	2,26,510
4. Kistna	1,218	18,073	19,291	20,731	8,669	15	10	29,401
5. Nellore	778	75,856	76,634	3,918	3,799	14	4	7,718
6. Cuddapah ...	3,235	35,917	39,152	5,224	3,204	4	5	8,428
7. Bellary	5,836	34,541	40,377	15,386	8,338	9	4	23,725
8. Kurnool	77	2,609	2,686	433	803	...	11	1,236
9. Madras	3,153	23,067	26,220	55,726	5,996	12	7	61,723
Do. Town ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. North Arcot ...	2,759	44,522	47,281	69,070	5,282	12	8	74,353
11. South Arcot ...	1,017	29,246	30,263	3,476	1,415	15	...	4,892
12. Tanjore	167	3,401	3,568	745	222	...	1	967
13. Trichinopoly ...	116	6,165	6,281	1,550	35	11	..	1,586
14. Madura	445	21,460	21,905	536	19	8	...	556
15. Tinnevelly ...	896	69,339	70,235	4,208	108	3	6	4,316
16. Coimbatore ...	69	6,291	6,360	77	996	9	6	1,074
17. Neilgherries ...	96	328	424	274	2	2	9	276
18. Salem	775	14,029	14,804	2,590	1,408	7	10	3,998
19. South Canara ...	...	551	551	18	...	...	...	18
20. Malabar	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Total...	25,698	4,93,911	5,19,609	4,05,505	49,127	5	5	4,54,633

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Balance of all Sources of Revenue, etc.—(Continued.)

REVENUE.—(*Continued.*)

		Total.				
		Demand.			Collections and Remissions.	
					Arrears.	
Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Collections.	Remissions.
75	76	77	78	79	80	81
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
2,001	5,542	77,959	11,49,455	12,27,414	30,221	36,530
107	422	76,081	13,20,218	13,96,299	74,166	1,323
83,094	3,09,604	4,64,094	38,36,626	43,00,720	1,64,665	51,646
61,564	90,965	3,17,219	35,51,262	38,68,481	2,42,914	12,778
15,232	22,950	4,07,219	23,55,424	27,62,643	3,03,788	26,913
11,385	19,813	2,77,739	20,08,958	22,86,697	2,23,806	8,751
11,157	34,882	4,42,884	24,26,843	28,69,727	3,42,921	41,440
1,320	2,556	18,811	14,69,047	14,87,858	11,898	4,243
33,648	95,371	4,68,410	11,72,025	16,40,435	3,08,461	56,682
......	......	......	......	......	......	......
53,387	1,27,740	9,51,978	20,75,276	30,27,254	6,58,185	29,339
7,481	12,373	2,76,915	25,24,914	28,01,829	2,20,154	15,952
1,781	2,748	1,80,719	42,46,952	44,27,671	1,68,334	3,524
4,189	5,775	59,330	15,00,745	15,60,075	52,121	1,727
1,440	1,996	7,51,035	22,21,581	29,72,616	6,20,312	441
7,433	11,749	4,00,471	30,30,466	34,30,937	3,57,453	5,951
518	1,592	1,85,805	25,86,796	27,72,601	1,79,264	3,020
26	302	14,164	41,439	55,603	8,581	2,897
9,190	13,188	4,18,307	22,68,773	26,87,080	3,47,273	14,592
87	105	7,040	14,06,640	14,13,680	7,007	......
......	......	54,410	18,81,550	19,35,960	43,452	1,433
3,05,040	7,59,673	58,50,590	4,30,74,990	4,89,25,580	43,64,976	3,19,182

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No. 6.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and

LAND

DISTRICTS.	TOTAL.					
	Collections and Remissions.—(*Continued.*)			Balance.		
	Current.		Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
	Collections.	Remissions.				
	82	83	84	85	86	87
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	11,15,782	......	11,82,533	11,208	33,673	44,881
2. Vizagapatam ...	12,64,393	......	13,39,882	592	55,825	56,417
3. Godavery... ...	36,15,303	......	38,31,614	2,47,783	2,21,323	4,69,106
4. Kistna	34,02,909	......	36,58,601	61,527	1,48,353	2,09,880
5. Nellore	18,23,846	......	21,54,547	76,518	5,31,578	6,08,096
6. Cuddapah ...	18,30,262	......	20,62,819	45,182	1,78,696	2,23,878
7. Bellary	22,70,553	......	26,54,914	58,523	1,56,290	2,14,813
8. Kurnool	14,56,907	......	14,73,048	2,670	12,140	14,810
9. Madras	9,11,196	......	12,76,339	1,03,267	2,60,829	3,64,096
Do. Town ...	......	......	......	......	......	......
10. North Arcot ...	12,36,457	......	19,23,981	2,64,454	8,38,819	11,03,273
11. South Arcot ...	18,95,976	......	21,32,082	40,809	6,28,938	6,69,747
12. Tanjore	41,67,966	......	43,39,824	8,861	78,986	87,847
13. Trichinopoly ...	14,66,587	......	15,20,435	5,482	34,158	39,640
14. Madura	15,40,757	......	21,61,510	1,30,282	6,80,824	8,11,106
15. Tinnevelly ...	27,17,774	......	30,81,178	37,067	3,12,692	3,49,759
16. Coimbatore ...	24,48,814	......	26,31,098	3,521	1,37,982	1,41,503
17. Neilgherries ...	27,989	13,015	52,482	2,686	435	3,121
18. Salem	19,45,536	......	23,07,401	56,442	3,23,237	3,79,679
19. South Canara...	13,99,506	......	14,06,513	33	7,134	7,167
20. Malabar... ...	18,35,024	......	18,79,909	9,525	46,526	56,051
Total...	3,83,73,537	13,015	4,30,70,710	11,66,432	46,88,438	58,54,870

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Balance of all Sources of Revenue, etc.—(Continued.)

REVENUE.—(*Continued.*)

Subsequent Collections and Remissions up to 31st October 1869.			Balance.				
			Arrears.				
Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Recoverable and doubtful.	Irrecoverable.			Total.
88	89	90	91	92			93
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.
1,714	23,439	25,153	3,971	5,523	12	4	9,494
......	53,150	53,150	120	471	6	9	592
8,959	1,23,885	1,32,844	2,28,152	10,671	7	...	2,38,824
3,600	64,258	67,858	41,242	16,685	2	5	57,927
992	4,45,990	4,46,982	6,161	69,364	13	6	75,526
6,701	1,35,560	1,42,261	9,048	29,433	6	9	38,481
11,933	1,27,561	1,39,494	27,113	19,476	13	8	46,590
130	7,489	7,619	741	1,799	6	5	2,540
6,082	1,53,687	1,59,769	69,416	27,768	15	2	97,185
......	......	......	......	......	...	...	......
37,516	5,29,868	5,67,384	1,68,988	57,949	13	5	2,26,938
3,723	5,54,276	5,57,999	31,603	5,483	13	...	37,086
1,771	68,762	70,533	6,710	379	12	...	7,090
627	23,909	24,536	4,148	706	14	...	4,855
1,158	4,62,771	4,63,929	1,20,411	8,712	11	7	1,29,124
4,986	2,75,512	2,80,498	18,904	13,177	1	11	32,081
155	1,29,741	1,29,896	2,138	1,227	7	9	3,366
1,652	339	1,991	981	52	13	6	1,034
3,893	2,29,666	2,33,559	16,461	36,087	14	10	52,549
......	6,450	6,450	33	......	...	...	33
1,289	34,685	35,974	6,172	2,064	7	4	8,236
96,881	34,50,998	35,47,879	7,62,513	3,07,038	1	4	10,69,551

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No. 6.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and

DISTRICTS.	LAND REVENUE.—(Concluded.) Balance. Current.	Total.	Demand. Arrears.	Current. Rented and Amany.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	94	95	96	97	98	99
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	10,234	19,728	4,645	69,280	1,416	75,341
2. Vizagapatam...	2,675	3,267	9,539	1,10,997	589	1,21,125
3. Godavery ...	97,438	3,36,262	1,253	2,07,940	1,318	2,10,511
4. Kistna	84,095	1,42,022	18,046	1,46,500	678	1,65,224
5. Nellore	85,588	1,61,114	32,011	79,146	194	1,11,351
6. Cuddapah ...	43,136	81,617	22,012	1,64,500	48	1,86,560
7. Bellary	28,729	75,319	1,95,696	5,34,166	204	7,30,066
8. Kurnool... ...	4,651	7,191	808	2,66,915	218	2,67,941
9. Madras	1,07,142	2,04,327	18,603	11,38,545	3,372	11,60,520
Do. Town ...	......	......	......	......	......	......
10. North Arcot ...	3,08,951	5,35,889	73,470	2,92,155	612	3,66,237
11. South Arcot ...	74,662	1,11,748	44,661	2,16,000	582	2,61,243
12. Tanjore	10,224	17,314	16,063	4,97,233	731	5,14,027
13. Trichinopoly ...	10,249	15,104	3,789	1,20,251	301	1,24,341
14. Madura	2,18,053	3,47,177	55,330	1,32,675	215	1,88,220
15. Tinnevelly ...	37,180	69,261	9,000	81,000	461	90,461
16. Coimbatore ...	8,241	11,607	9,725	2,20,000	1,017	2,30,742
17. Neilgherries ...	96	1,130	......	40,000	575	40,575
18. Salem	93,571	1,46,120	1,10,011	2,91,100	308	4,01,419
19. South Canara...	684	717	1,733	1,02,100	334	1,04,167
20. Malabar... ...	11,841	20,077	1,224	1,78,658	3,209	1,83,091
Total...	12,37,440	23,06,991	6,27,619	48,89,161	16,382	55,33,162

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Balance of all Sources of Revenue, etc.—(Continued.)

ABKARRY.—(*Concluded.*)

Collections and Remissions.					Balance		
Arrears.		Current.		Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
Collections.	Remissions.	Rented and Amany.	Miscellaneous.				
100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
4,645	......	65,800	1,416	71,861	......	3,480	3,480
3,522	6,017	1,08,169	589	1,18,297	......	2,828	2,828
1,253	......	1,99,020	1,318	2,01,591	......	8,920	8,920
18,046	......	1,33,870	678	1,52,594	......	12,630	12,630
18,432	3,300	65,571	194	87,497	10,279	13,575	23,854
22,012	......	1,54,082	48	1,76,142	......	10,418	10,418
92,925	99,018	5,02,206	204	6,94,353	3,753	31,960	35,713
808	......	2,48,190	218	2,49,216	.....	18,725	18,725
18,342	169	11,06,650	3,371	11,28,532	92	31,896	31,988
......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
23,470	50,000	2,49,872	612	3,23,954	......	42,283	42,283
1,180	43,481	2,07,824	582	2,53,067	......	8,176	8,176
16,063	......	4,84,677	731	5,01,471	......	12,556	12,556
3,789	......	1,17,164	301	1,21,254	......	3,087	3,087
18,893	21,065	1,20,998	215	1,61,171	15,372	11,677	27,049
9,000	......	63,000	461	72,461	......	18,000	18,000
9,725	......	2,04,038	1,018	2,14,781	.. ...	15,961	15,961
......	......	33,334	575	33,909	......	6,666	6,666
63,432	23,459	2,16,450	308	3,03,649	23,120	74,650	97,770
1,733	......	1,02,100	334	1,04,167	......	.... .	......
1,093	......	1,78,329	3,209	1,82,631	131	329	460
3,28,363	2,46,509	45,61,344	16,382	51,52,598	52,747	3,27,817	3,80,564

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No. 6.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and

DISTRICTS.	Subsequent Collections and Remissions up to 31st October 1869.			
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Recoverable and doubtful.
	108	109	110	111
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	......	3,480	3,480	......
2. Vizagapatam	......	2,828	2,828	......
3. Godavery	......	5,837	5,837	......
4. Kistna	......	12,630	12,630	......
5. Nellore	2,095	12,176	14,271	......
6. Cuddapah	......	10,418	10,418	......
7. Bellary	3,753	31,960	35,713	......
8. Kurnool	......	18,725	18,725	......
9. Madras	......	6,307	6,307	92
Do. Town	......	......	......	......
10. North Arcot	......	37,357	37,357	......
11. South Arcot	......	8,176	8,176	......
12. Tanjore	......	12,556	12,556	......
13. Trichinopoly	......	3,087	3,087	......
14. Madura	21	11,677	11,698	2,541
15. Tinnevelly...	......	18,000	18,000	......
16. Coimbatore	......	15,961	15,961	......
17. Neilgherries	......	6,357	6,357	......
18. Salem	3,760	74,650	78,410	19,360
19. South Canara	......	......	......	......
20. Malabar	......	44	44	131
Total...	9,629	2,92,226	3,01,855	22,124

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Balance of all Sources of Revenue, etc.—(Continued.)

ABKARRY.						INCOME TAX.		
Balance.						Demand.		
Arrears.				Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
Irrecoverable.			Total.					
112			113	114	115	116	117	118
RS.	A.	P.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
......	...	...	......	......	......	......	1,021	1,021
......	...	...	......	......	......	......	1,073	1,073
......	..	...	......	3.083	3,083	......	804	804
......	...	...	......	......	......	......	764	764
8,184	4	3	8,184	1,399	9,583	......	586	586
......	...	...	......	......	......	......	708	708
......	...	...	......	......	......	38	722	760
......	...	..	......	......	......	......	10,283	10,283
......	...	...	92	25,589	25,681	......	17,491	17,491
......	...	...	......	......	......	......	24,949	24,949
......	...	...	......	4,926	4,926	......	706	706
......	...	...	......	......	......	......	587	587
......	..	...	......	......	......	......	2,147	2,147
......	...	...	......	......	......	......	943	943
12,810	2	2	15,351	......	15,351	......	654	654
......	...	...	......	......	......	......	729	729
......	..	...	......	......	......	......	3,328	3,328
......	...	...	......	309	309	......	3,550	3,550
......	...	...	19,360	......	19,360	......	735	735
......	...	...	......	......	......	......	547	547
......	...	..	131	285	416	......	1,573	1,573
20,994	6	5	43,118	35,591	78,709	38	73,900	73,938

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No. 6.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and

DISTRICTS.	INCOME TAX.—(*Concluded.*)					
	COLLECTIONS AND REMISSIONS.				Balance.	Subsequent collections and remissions up to 31st October 1869.
	Arrears.		Current.	Total.		
	Collections.	Remissions.				
	119	120	121	122	123	124
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	......	......	1,021	1,021	......	......
2. Vizagapatam ...	......	......	1,073	1,073	......	......
3. Godavery	......	......	804	804	......	......
4. Kistna	......	......	764	764	......	......
5. Nellore...	......	......	586	586	......	......
6. Cuddapah	......	......	708	708	......	......
7. Bellary	......	38	722	760	......	......
8. Kurnool	......	......	9,939	9,939	344	325
9. Madras	......	......	17,491	17,491	......	......
Do. Town... ...	......	......	24,949	24,949	......	......
10. North Arcot ...	......	......	706	706	......	......
11. South Arcot ...	......	......	587	587	......	......
12. Tanjore	......	......	2,147	2,147	......	......
13. Trichinopoly ...	......	......	943	943	......	......
14. Madura	......	......	654	654	......	......
15. Tinnevelly... ...	......	......	729	729	......	......
16. Coimbatore... ...	......	......	3,328	3,328	......	......
17. Neilgherries ...	......	......	3,550	3,550	......	......
18. Salem...	......	......	735	735	......	......
19. South Canara ...	......	......	547	547	......	......
20. Malabar	......	......	1,573	1,573	......	......
Total...	......	38	73,556	73,594	344	325
Stoppages made from the pay of public servants as per Accountant-General's Return..			7,740			
			81,296			

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Balance of all Sources of Revenue, etc.—(Continued.)

Balance.							License Tax.				
Recoverable and doubtful.	Irrecoverable.			Total.	Current.	Total.	Current Demand.	Current. Collections.	Balance.	Subsequent collections and remissions up to 31st October 1869.	Balance.
125	126			127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134
RS.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	7,299	7,299	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	11,753	11,753	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	35,842	35,842	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	27,402	27,402	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	39,418	38,650	768	352	416
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	25,636	25,636	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	57,554	57,554	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	19	19	14,488	14,488	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	3,410	3,410	......	......	......
......	......	...	..	......	......	......	96,292	96,292	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	14,639	14,639	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	7,855	7,855	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	44,003	44,003	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	5,958	5,958	......	... ..	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	29,713	29,713	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	19,416	19,416	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	10,833	10,833	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	5,259	5,259	.. ...	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	17,123	17,123	......	......	......
......	......	..	...	......	......	......	11,941	11,941	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	......	......	21,677	21,677	......	......	......
......	......	...	...	......	19	19	5,07,511	5,06,743	768	352	416
								18,369			
								5,25,112			

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No. 6.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and

DISTRICTS.	SALT.						
	DEMAND.				COLLEC		
	Arrears.	Current.		Total.	Arrears.		Cur
		Sales.	Miscellaneous.		Collections.	Remissions.	Sales.
	135	136	137	138	139		140
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam ..	......	13,11,095	44	13,11,139	......	......	13,11,095
2. Vizagapatam	......	2,86,964	829	2,87,793	......	......	2,86,964
3. Godavery ...	......	4,52,263	6	4,52,269	......	......	4,52,263
4. Kistna ...	......	11,21,248	124	11,21,372	......	......	11,21,248
5. Nellore ...	......	11,02,178	45	11,02,223	......	......	11,02,178
6. Cuddapah ...	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
7. Bellary ...	5,399	10,011	......	15,410	3,503	346	9,033
8. Kurnool ...	37	1,840	......	1,877	34	......	1,824
9. Madras ...	......	23,54,771	237	23,55,008	......	......	23,54,771
Do. Town...	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
10. North Arcot.	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
11. South Arcot.	......	6,61,622	2,550	6,64,172	......	......	6,61,622
12. Tanjore ...	.....	10,93,627	70	10,93,697	......	......	10,93,627
13. Trichinopoly.	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
14. Madura ...	......	5,95,755	129	5,95,884	......	......	5,95,755
15. Tinnevelly...	......	7,22,826	112	7,22,938	......	......	7,22,826
16. Coimbatore..	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
17. Neilgherries.	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
18. Salem ...	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
19. South Canara	......	5,57,025	146	5,57,171	......	......	5,57,025
20. Malabar ...	......	9,22,641	91	9,22,732	......	......	9,22,641
Total...	5,436	111,93,866	4,383	112,03,685	3,537	346	111,92,872

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Balance of all Sources of Revenue, etc.—(Continued.)

...tions.		Balance.			Subsequent Collections and Remissions up to 31st October 1869.		
...rent.							
Miscellaneous.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
44	13,11,139	......	......	......	......	......	......
829	2,87,793	......	......	......	......	......	......
6	4,52,269	......	......	......	......	......	......
124	11,21,372	......	......	......	......	......	......
45	11,02,223	......	......	......	......	......	......
......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
......	12,882	1,550	978	2,528	521	822	1,343
......	1,858	3	16	19	......	......	......
237	23,55,008	......	......	......	......	......	......
......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
2,550	6,64,172	......	......	......	......	......	......
70	10,93,697	......	......	......	......	......	......
......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
129	5,95,884	......	......	......	......	......	......
112	7,22,938	......	......	......	......	......	......
......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
146	5,57,171	......	......	......	......	......	......
91	9,22,732	......	......	......	......	......	......
4,383	112,01,138	1,553	994	2,547	521	822	1,343

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No. 6.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and

DISTRICTS.	SALT.—(*Concluded.*)							SEA
	BALANCE.							D
	Arrears.					Current.	Total.	Duty.
	Recoverable and doubtful.	Irrecoverable.			Total.			
	149	150			151	152	153	154
	RS.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	80,505
2. Vizagapatam ...	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	82,492
3. Godavery	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	94,368
4. Kistna	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	10,885
5. Nellore	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	422
6. Cuddapah	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	......
7. Bellary	481	548	6	8	1,029	156	1,185	......
8. Kurnool	3	......	...	...	3	16	19	......
9. Madras	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	......
Do. Town ...	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	14,95,365
10. North Arcot ...	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	......
11. South Arcot ...	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	43,290
12. Tanjore	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	4,31,004
13. Trichinopoly ...	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	......
14. Madura	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	28,218
15. Tinnevelly ...	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	85,552
16. Coimbatore ...	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	......
17. Neilgherries ...	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	......
18. Salem	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	......
19. South Canara ...	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	70,291
23. Malabar	......	......	...	...	......	......	......	1,41,275
Total...	484	548	6	8	1,032	172	1,204	25,63,667

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Balance of all Sources of Revenue, etc.—(Continued.)

CUSTOMS.		LAND CUSTOMS.			STAMPS.		
MAND.		DEMAND.					
Miscellaneous.	Collection.	Duty.	Miscellaneous.	Collection.	Sales.	Miscellaneous.	Collection.
155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
26	80,531	......	......	......	82,043	......	82,043
222	82,714	......	......	......	1,52,380	243	1,52,623
1,925	96,293	935	......	935	1,95,877	451	1,96,328
66	10,951	......	......	......	1,32,831	8	1,32,839
46	468	......	......	......	1,24,771	102	1,24,873
......	......	......	......	......	1,80,882	......	1,80,882
......	......	......	......	......	1,96,612	90	1,96,702
......	......	......	......	......	1,33,366	2	1,33,368
......	......	......	......	......	2,50,760	......	2,50,760
19,110	15,14,475	......	......	......	1,21,938	......	1,21,938
......	......	......	......	......	1,36,639	77	1,36,716
31	43,321	91,600	1,208	92,808	1,25,218	122	1,25,340
962	4,31,966	86,424	3	86,427	4,73,637	118	4,73,755
......	......	......	......	......	1,09,340	......	1,09,340
90	28,308	......	......	......	2,92,707	17	2,92,724
395	85,947	......	......	......	2,78,254	97	2,78,351
......	......	......	......	......	1,52,873	52	1,52,925
......	......	......	......	......	13,179	......	13,179
......	......	......	......	......	1,54,014	120	1,54,134
543	70,834	......	......	......	1,61,054	27	1,61,081
1,667	1,42,942	9,579	7	9,586	4,79,950	87	4,80,037
25,083	25,88,750	1,88,538	1,218	1,89,756	39,48,325	1,613	39,49,938

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No. 6.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and

DISTRICTS.	GRAND			
	DEMAND.			COL
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.
	163	164	165	166
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	82,605	27,02,184	27,84,789	34,868
2. Vizagapatam	85,620	19,67,761	20,53,381	77,689
3. Godavery	4,65,347	48,28,355	52,93,702	1,65,918
4. Kistna	3,35,265	49,91,768	53,27,033	2,60,960
5. Nellore	4,39,230	37,02,332	41,41,562	3,22,219
6. Cuddapah	2,99,751	23,80,732	26,80,483	2,45,818
7. Bellary	6,44,017	32,26,202	38,70,219	4,39,348
8. Kurnool	19,656	18,96,159	19,15,815	12,740
9. Madras	4,87,012	49,40,611	54,27,623	3,26,802
Do. Town	......	17,57,654	17,57,654	......
10. North Arcot	10,25,448	25,20,104	35,45,552	6,81,655
11. South Arcot	3,21,576	36,75,579	39,97,155	2,21,334
12. Tanjore	1,96,782	68,76,911	70,73,693	1,84,398
13. Trichinopoly	63,119	17,37,538	18,00,657	55,910
14. Madura	8,06,365	33,01,754	41,08,119	6,39,204
15. Tinnevelly...	4,09,471	42,19,308	46,28,779	3,66,454
16. Coimbatore	1,95,530	29,74,899	31,70,429	1,88,989
17. Neilgherries	14,164	1,04,001	1,18,165	8,581
18. Salem...	5,28,318	27,32,173	32,60,491	4,10,704
19. South Canara	8,773	23,10,648	23,19,421	8,740
20. Malabar	55,634	36,41,964	36,97,598	44,545
Total ..	64,83,683	66,488,637	72,972,320	46,96,876

Add receipts from the sale of waste lands ... ...

Stoppages made from the pay of public servants...

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Balance of all Sources of Revenue, etc.—(Continued.)

TOTAL.

LECTIONS.		REMISSIONS.			TOTAL INCLUDING REMISSIONS.		
Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
26,65,031	26,99,899	36,530	......	36,530	71,398	26,65,031	27,36,429
19,09,108	19,86,797	7,340	......	7,340	85,029	19,09,108	19,94,137
45,98,112	47,64,030	51,646	......	51,646	2,17,564	45,98,112	48,15,676
48,30,785	50,91,745	12,778	......	12,778	2,73,738	48,30,785	51,04,523
31,56,411	34,78,630	30,213	......	30,213	3,52,432	31,56,411	35,08,843
21,91,618	24,37,436	8,751	......	8,751	2,54,569	21,91,618	24,46,187
30,36,975	34,76,323	1,40,842	......	1,40,842	5,80,190	30,36,975	36,17,165
18,64,934	18,77,674	4,243	......	4,243	16,983	18,64,934	18,81,917
46,47,886	49,74,688	56,850	......	56,850	3,83,652	46,47,886	50,31,538
17,57,654	17,57,654	......	......	......	......	17,57,654	17,57,654
16,39,002	23,20,657	79,339	......	79,339	7,60,994	16,39,002	23,99,996
30,38,465	32,59,799	59,434	......	59,434	2,80,768	30,38,465	33,19,233
67,85,369	69,69,767	3,524	......	3,524	1,87,922	67,85,369	69,73,291
17,00,293	17,56,203	1,727	......	1,727	57,637	17,00,293	17,57,930
26,09,251	32,48,455	21,506	......	21,506	6,60,710	26,09,251	32,69,961
38,88,616	42,55,070	5,951	......	5,951	3,72,405	38,88,616	42,61,021
28,20,956	30,09,945	3,020	......	3,020	1,92,009	28,20,956	30,12,965
83,886	92,467	2,897	13,015	15,912	11,478	96,901	1,08,379
23,34,286	27,44,990	38,051	......	38,051	4,48,755	23,34,286	27,83,041
23,03,514	23,12,254	......	......	......	8,740	23,03,514	23,12,254
35,95,109	36,39,654	1,433	......	1,433	45,978	35,95,109	36,41,087
614,57,261	661,54,137	5,66,075	13,015	5,79,090	52,62,951	614,70,276	667,33,227
1,92,921							
26,109							
616,76,291							

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No. 6.—Statement showing the Demand, Collection, and

DISTRICTS.	GRAND					
	BALANCE.			SUBSEQUENT COLLECTIONS AND REMISSIONS UP TO 31ST OCTOBER 1869.		
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
	175	176	177	178	179	180
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Ganjam	11,208	37,153	48,361	1,714	26,919	28,633
2. Vizagapatam ...	592	58,653	59,245	......	55,978	55,978
3. Godavery	2,47,783	2,30,243	4,78,026	8,959	1,29,722	1,38,681
4. Kistna	61,527	1,60,983	2,22,510	3,600	76,888	80,488
5. Nellore	86,797	5,45,921	6,32,718	3,087	4,58,518	4,61,605
6. Cuddapah	45,182	1,89,114	2,34,296	6,701	1,45,978	1,52,679
7. Bellary	63,826	1,89,228	2,53,054	16,207	1,60,343	1,76,550
8. Kurnool	2,673	31,225	33,898	130	26,539	26,669
9. Madras	1,03,359	2,92,725	3,96,084	6,082	1,59,994	1,66,076
Do. Town... ...	......	......	......	......	......	......
10. North Arcot ...	2,64,454	8,81,102	11,45,556	37,516	5,67,225	6,04,741
11. South Arcot ...	40,809	6,37,114	6,77,923	3,723	5,62,452	5,66,175
12. Tanjore	8,861	91,542	1,00,403	1,771	81,318	83,089
13. Trichinopoly ...	5,482	37,245	42,727	627	26,996	27,623
14. Madura	1,45,654	6,92,501	8,38,155	1,179	4,74,448	4,75,627
15. Tinnevelly... ...	37,067	3,30,692	3,67,759	4,986	2,93,512	2,98,498
16. Coimbatore ...	3,521	1,53,943	1,57,464	155	1,45,702	1,45,857
17. Neilgherries ...	2,686	7,101	9,787	1,652	6,696	8,348
18. Salem...	79,562	3,97,887	4,77,449	7,653	3,04,316	3,11,969
19. South Canara ...	33	7,134	7,167	......	6,450	6,450
20. Malabar	9,656	46,855	56,511	1,289	34,729	36,018
Total...	12,20,732	50,18,361	62,39,093	1,07,031	37,44,723	38,51,754

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Balance of all Sources of Revenue, etc.—(Concluded.)

TOTAL.—(*Concluded.*)

Balance.						
Arrears.					Current.	Total.
Recoverable and doubtful.	Irrecoverable.			Total.		
181	182			183	184	185
RS.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	RS.	RS.
3,971	5,523	12	4	9,494	10,234	19,728
120	471	6	9	592	2,675	3,267
2,28,152	10,671	7	0	2,38,824	1,00,521	3,39,345
41,242	16,685	2	5	57,927	84,095	1,42,022
6,161	77,549	1	9	83,710	87,403	1,71,113
9,048	29,433	6	9	38,481	43,136	81,617
27,594	20,025	4	4	47,619	28,885	76,504
744	1,799	6	5	2,543	4,686	7,229
69,508	27,768	15	2	97,277	1,32,731	2,30,008
......	......	...	...	......	......	......
1,68,988	57,949	13	5	2,26,938	3,13,877	5,40,815
31,603	5,483	13	0	37,086	74,662	1,11,748
6,710	379	12	0	7,090	10,224	17,314
4,148	706	14	0	4,855	10,249	15,104
1,22,952	21,522	13	9	1,44,475	2,18,053	3,62,528
18,904	13,177	1	11	32,081	37,180	69,261
2,138	1,227	7	9	3,366	8,241	11,607
981	52	13	6	1,034	405	1,439
35,821	36,087	14	10	71,909	93,571	1,65,480
33	......	...	...	33	684	717
6,303	2,064	7	4	8,367	12,126	20,493
7,85,121	3,28,580	14	5	11,13,701	12,73,638	23,87,339

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No. 7.—*Statement showing the receipts and sales of Salt for Fusly* 1278.

DISTRICTS.	Balance on hand at the commencement of the Fusly.	QUANTITY RECEIVED IN STORE IN FUSLY 1278.			Total including balance.	QUANTITY SOLD DURING THE YEAR.					Wastage written off under the sanction of Government.	Total.	Balance remaining in store.
		Salt manufactured during the year.	Gain by measurement and confiscated Salt, etc.	Total.		Home consumption.	Inland consumption.	Exportation by sea. On private account.	Sold to French Government.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.
1. Ganjam...	9,68,205	12,54,587	248	12,54,835	22,23,040	1,08,106	6,91,165	....	....	7,99,271	38,387	8,37,658	13,85,382
2. Vizagapatam	2,30,064	3,74,894	575	3,75,469	6,05,533	1,69,882	2,751	....	....	1,72,633	3,889	1,76,522	4,29,011
3. Godavery	3,08,451	2,33,777	62	2,33,839	5,42,290	2,59,210	8,760	....	720	2,68,690	34,705	3,03,395	2,38,895
4. Kistna	12,58,251	7,18,574	10	7,18,584	19,76,835	3,49,940	3,21,883	....	....	6,71,823	13,002	6,84,825	12,92,010
5. Nellore	12,31,689	5,45,416	2,389	5,47,805	17,79,494	2,83,900	3,87,384	5,040	....	6,76,324	12,624	6,88,948	10,90,546
6. Madras	22,58,842	6,85,017	37	6,85,054	29,43,896	2,04,132	12,33,912	3,07,050	....	17,45,094	25,486	17,70,580	11,72,816
7. South Arcot...	4,32,890	4,59,506	....	4,59,506	8,92,396	2,47,249	1,42,183	....	41,170	4,30,602	59,573	4,90,175	4,02,221
8. Tanjore...	8,15,890	6,25,470	7,522	6,32,992	14,48,882	4,87,972	1,87,680	38,280	10,800	7,24 732	4,287	7,29,019	7,19,863
9. Madura	5,12,821	2,69,732	589	2,70,321	7,83,142	3,57,506	394	....	....	3,57,900	13,439	3,71,339	4,11,803
10. Tinnevelly	10,32,534	3,69,814	4,315	3,74,129	14,06,663	3,78,433	49,218	20,100	....	4,47,751	9,342	4,57,093	9,49,570
11. South Canara	2,21,989	4,11,379	1,353	4,12,732	6,34,721	1,71,757	1,54,748	....	....	3,26,505	11,563	3,38,068	2,96,653
12. Malabar...	3,38,936	5,18,746	482	5,19,228	8,58,164	4,38,485	1,25,325	....	2,333	5,66,148	150	5,66,298	2,91,866
Total ...	96,10,062	64,66,912	17,582	64,84,494	1,60,94,556	34,56,572	33,05,408	3,70,470	55,028	71,87,473	2,26,447	74,13,920	86,80,636

No. 8.—Statement showing the financial results of Salt transactions in Fusly 1278.

DISTRICTS.	Home Consumption.	Inland Consumption.	Exportation by Sea.	Sold to French Government.	Total.	Miscellaneous.	Total gross Revenue.	Deduct charges.	Net Revenue. Fusly 1277.	Net Revenue. Fusly 1278.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1. Ganjam	1,62,424 2 5	11,28,670 14 0	... ...	... ...	13,11,095 0 5	43 7 11	13,11,138 8 4	1,77,690 6 9	12,28,286 12 1	11,33,448 1 7
2. Vizagapatam	2,82,524 10 10	4,439 13 0	... ...	... ...	2,86,964 7 10	828 14 11	2,87,793 6 9	62,198 4 11	2,68,717 14 9	2,25,595 1 10
3. Godavery	4,37,414 5 6	14,782 8 0	... ...	66 4 0	4,52,263 1 6	6 2 5	4,52,269 3 11	31,400 7 10	4,08,858 8 7	4,20,868 12 1
4. Kistna	5,86,473 12 0	5,34,773 13 0	... ...	... ...	11,21,247 9 0	124 2 8	11,21,371 11 8	85,396 4 0	6,60,445 5 4	10,35,975 7 8
5. Nellore	4,79,081 8 2	6,22,550 13 0	546 0 0	... ...	11,02,178 5 2	45 0 4	11,02,223 5 6	84,988 0 7	9,93,297 5 5	10,17,235 4 11
6. Madras	3,29,731 0 6	19,80,126 0 0	44,914 1 4	... ...	23,54,771 1 10	237 6 6	23,55,008 8 4	2,30,281 14 0	19,47,455 4 9	21,24,726 10 4
7. South Arcot	4,17,131 5 6	2,39,933 13 0	... ...	4,556 10 0	6,61,621 12 6	2,549 15 7	6,64,171 12 1	72,781 14 3	5,47,653 13 7	5,91,389 13 10
8. Tanjore	7,86,091 8 0	3,02,028 12 0	4,306 8 0	1,200 8 4	10,93,627 4 4	70 4 5	10,93,697 8 9	1,10,692 5 0	10,27,470 11 9	9,83,005 3 9
9. Madura	5,95,090 2 0	664 14 0	... ...	... ...	5,95,755 0 0	128 9 0	5,95,883 9 0	47,234 6 0	5,66,917 0 9	5,48,649 3 0
10. Tinnevelly	6,37,593 8 0	83,055 6 0	2,177 8 0	... ...	7,22,826 1 0	112 3 8	7,22,938 4 8	46,728 12 4	6,18,339 1 2	6,76,209 8 4
11. South Canara	2,88,992 13 1	2,61,137 4 0	... ...	... ...	5,50,130 1 1	7,041 2 11	5,57,171 4 0	1,88,937 2 5	4,40,678 5 1	3,68,234 1 7
12. Malabar	7,14,455 0 4	2,06,985 6 1	... ...	1,197 6 11	9,22,687 13 4	93 14 10	9,22,731 12 2	2,47,803 6 0	5,65,665 8 1	6,74,928 6 2
Total ...	57,37,003 7 4	53,79,149 4 1	51,944 1 4	7,020 13 8	111,75,117 10 0	11,281 5 2	111,86,398 15 2	13,86,133 4 1	92,68,735 11 4	98,00,265 11 1
						Earth salt in Bellary... ...	9,033 0 0			10,856 7 3
						Do. in Kurnool... ...	1,823 7 3			
							111,97,255 6 5			98,11,122 2 4

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

GANJAM.

I HAVE the honor to report on the results of the Revenue Administration of this district during Fusly 1278, and to submit the usual annual Statements*.

* Sent in two separate packets.

I.—Settlement.
Statement No. 1.

2. The Gumsur Talook was settled by Mr. Carmichael at Russelcondah, the Berhampore Talook by Mr. Spedding at Berhampore, and the Chicacole Talook by Mr. Hope, at the stations noted in the margin.

Chicacole, Srikurmam, Narasannapeta and Jalmur.

II.—Variations in the number and tenure of villages.

3. The causes of variations in the number and tenure of villages during the fusly under review are given below:—

Villages.	Number in Fusly 1277.	Number in Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ryotwar	878	888	10	....
Joint Rent	535	515	....	20
Rents for more than one year	10	7	....	3
	1,423	1,410	10	23
Inam villages	222	222	....	....
Fishing villages	33	33	....	....
Villages in which there is no Jerayati cultivation	16	16	....	....
	1,694	1,681	10	23

Ryotwar.

4. To 878 villages under this head in Fusly 1277, sixteen have been newly added, namely, 13 from "Joint Rent," and 1 from "Rents for more than one year," while two hamlets in the Gumsur Talook which were assessed for the first time in Fusly 1277 and shown under the head of "Land Revenue Miscellaneous," have now been regularly brought to account. Six villages have, however, been transferred to the head of "Joint Rent," thus showing a net increase of 10 villages under this head.

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Joint Rent.

5. The number of villages under this head in Fusly 1277 was 535, from which thirteen have been transferred to Ryotwar as above stated, and fifteen Khond hamlets in the Gumsur Talook struck off the accounts in consequence of death and desertion of their ryots, the Khonds, through the effects of the late famine. Eight villages have, however, been added to this head, namely, six from Ryotwar, and two from "Rents for more than one year." This accounts for the decrease of twenty villages in the number under this head.

Rents for more than one year.

6. There were ten villages under this head in the preceding fusly, from which three have been transferred; one to the Ryotwar, and two to Joint Rent. There is, therefore, a net decrease of three in the number of villages as compared with the number under this head during Fusly 1277.

7. In 33,015 puttahs no alterations were made; 1,612 puttahs were altered in consequence of changes in the Ryots' holdings, and 629 fresh puttahs granted for holdings newly brought under Ryotwar, for lands cultivated for the first time by persons who hitherto had no puttahs and for Inam lands newly assessed with Jerayati Sist.

III.—Season and Sanitary state.

8. The fall of rain was both scanty and partial, and wet crops suffered seriously owing to the failure of north east monsoon, except in such localities as are provided with unfailing sources of irrigation, and the district narrowly escaped another season of scarcity. Remissions to the extent of Rupees 11,653 have been granted for loss of crops, and some of the ryots who were just recovering from the effects of the late famine have been obliged to sell and relinquish their holdings for want of means of subsistence.

The rain-fall from April 1868 to March 1869, was as under:—

Months.	Inches.	Cents.	Inches.	Cents.
April 1868	...	60		
May ,,	2	42½		
June ,,	9	85		
July ,,	6	10		
August ,,	7	90		
September ,,	5	87½	32	75
October ,,	...	40		
November ,,	...	...		
December ,,	...	...		
January 1869	...	1½		
February ,,	...	97½		
March ,,	...	82½	2	21½
Total ...	...	...	34	96½

9. During the fusly under notice, cholera and small-pox prevailed to a certain extent, but the prevalence of fever was considerable. The number of deaths from these diseases and other causes amounted to 16,279, as detailed in the margin. 2,144 heads of cattle are said to have been lost from various diseases in the Government talooks.

Cholera	429
Small-pox	338
Fever	8,222
Other diseases.. } Old age, etc. }	7,290
	16,279

IV.—Prices of Grain.

Statement No. 2.

10. The prices of all the staple articles of consumption which in Fusly 1277 came down to the standard that prevailed previous to the late famine, have again risen in consequence of the adverse nature of the season.

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V. Ryots' holdings.

Statement No. 3.

This Statement will be sent on the receipt of printed form from the Board. It has not been received as yet though its despatch was advised long ago.

11. From this Statement it will be found that lands given up amount to 4,756 acres, paying a sist of Rs. 8,705-3-4, and those taken up to 4,410, subject to a sist of Rs. 9,216-11-9. The actual cultivation including the waste charged amounts to 2,84,535, bearing a sist of Rupees 6,45,695-13-2, to which Rupees 11-1-1 being Tirwajasti or additional assessment, should be added, and Rupees 18,072-15-5 deducted therefrom, being remissions granted on account of loss of crops and of Cowle lands; thus leaving a net demand of Rupees 6,27,633-14-10 independently of Rupees 66,002-7-8, being the demand of items composing "Land Revenue Miscellaneous." The details of each of the above items will be found below:—

Enclosure A. of Statement No. 3.

12. The item lands given up consists of the following items:—

1st.—Transfer to the head "Wet" of dry and garden lands.

2nd.—Lands for which no bidders came forward when offered for sale by public auction in satisfaction of arrears of sist due to Government.

3rd.—Abandonment of holdings by certain poverty-stricken ryots.

4th.—Deficit discovered by measurement in certain villages.

5th.—Retransfer, to the head "Inam" according to the title-deed granted by the Inam Commissioner of certain lands which were lately resumed.

6th.—Abandonment of lands taken on progressive cowle in consequence of the inability of certain Cowle-holders to bring them under cultivation, as well as the exclusion from the list of Cowle of, and the charge of full sist on, certain lands, owing to the failure on the part of certain Cowle-holders to fulfil the terms to which they originally agreed.

13. The item lands sold or transferred shows the result of transfers of lands both by private and public sale, and the item lands rendered unfit for cultivation or taken up for Government purposes, comprises the lands which were inundated, washed away y streams, covered with sand, and taken up by roads and gravel pits.

14. The item lands taken on Durkhast is made up of the following items:—

1st.—Transfer of lands from the heads "Dry and Garden" to "Wet" and of inams to Jarayati.

2nd.—Cultivation of waste land and grant of waste lands on progressive cowle.

3rd.—Charge of sist on certain lands granted under Tope Rules in consequence of the failure on the part of Cowle-holders to fulfil the conditions of the cowle, and on islands in the beds of rivers.

4th.—Relinquishment of Inams.

5th.—Concealed cultivation brought to account.

6th.—Charge of sist on the lands belonging to hamlets newly discovered in the Gumsur Talook.

7th.—Sist of villages which were transferred from "Rents for more than one year" to the heads of "Ryotwar" and "Joint Rent."

8th.—Excess discovered by measurement.

9th.—Sist charged on the compounds of Bungalows.

15. The item lands obtained by purchase or transfer shows the lands transferred from one ryot to another, either by public or private sale.

VI. Waste charged and remitted.

16. The item waste charged chiefly comprises lands left waste for grazing purposes.

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VII.—Actual cultivation. 17. The subjoined abstract shows at one view the cultivation and the settlement of the fusly under notice, in comparision with those of the preceding year:—

Items.	Last Fusly.		Current Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
Dry	1,07,405	1,38,069 13 8	1,06,719	1,36,894 6 8	......	......	686	1,175 7 0
Wet	1,77,510	5,07,215 6 3	1,77,816	5,08,801 6 6	306	1,586 0 3	......	......
Total...	2,84,915	6,45,285 3 11	2,84,535	6,45,695 13 2	306	1,586 0 3	686	1,175 7 0
Add								
Second Crop Assessment...	....	......	....	......	......	......	......	......
Additional Assessment...	....	11 1 1	....	11 1 1	......	......	......	......
Water tax	....	......	....	......	......	......	......	......
Road Fund	....	28,397 4 0	....	28,431 8 5	......	34 4 5	......	......
Village Service Fund	....	16,861 1 4	....	16,838 4 6	......	......	......	22 12 10
Total...	....	6,90,554 10 4	....	6,90,976 11 2	......	1,620 4 8	......	1,198 3 10
Deduct								
Remissions	....	......	....	......	......	......	......	......
Road Fund	....	28,397 4 0	....	28,431 8 5	......	34 4 5	......	......
Village Service Fund	....	16,861 1 4	....	16,838 4 6	......	......	......	22 12 10
Remissions of other items as detailed in Statement No. 4.	....	8,520 6 1	....	18,072 15 5	......	9,552 9 4	......	......
Total...	....	53,778 11 5	....	63,342 12 4	......	9,586 13 9	......	22 12 10
Net demand	....	6,36,775 14 11	....	6,27,633 14 10	......	......	......	9,142 0 1
Miscellaneous items	....	70,007 6 8	....	66,002 7 8	......	......	......	4,004 15 0
Grand Total...	....	7,06,783 5 7	....	6,93,636 6 6	......	......	......	13,146 15 1

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18. With regard to the principal sources of irrigation, the number of villages, the extent of land irrigated by each, and the amount of actual Revenue derived therefrom, I beg to refer the Board to paragraphs 17 to 22 of my predecessor's Report on the results of the Revenue Administration of this district for Fusly 1276, and the Statement annexed thereto.

19. As already stated in paragraph 22 of the Report on the Revenue Administration for Fusly 1275, no ruined tanks have been made over to private enterprise in this district.

Enclosure B. of Statement No. 3.
VIII.—Special Products.

20. The increase in the extent of land cultivated with Sugar-cane is owing to the eagerness of the ryots for extending Cane cultivation, but the failure of rains checked the yield to a certain extent; the decrease in the extent of land cultivated with Cotton is due to the non-submission of Returns by some of the Zemindars though repeatedly called for; and the small decrease in the extent of land cutivated with Indigo requires no remark.

Enclosure C. of Statement No. 3.

21. During the fusly under notice, only 47 acres, subject to a sist of Rupees 80, were taken on progressive cowle against 17 acres with a sist of Rupees 37 in the preceding year, and 491 acres of land bearing a sist of Rs. 699 have been abandoned under the following circumstances:—

388 acres of land subject to a sist of Rupees 558, which were given on progressive cowle to thirteen persons for eight years were abandoned, owing to the inability of the Cowle-holders to bring them under cultivation.

Two plots of ground measuring A. 20 C. 19½ of land bearing a sist of Rupees 46-1-9 which were given to two persons on progressive cowle for eight years were abandoned owing to submersion; 7½ acres of land subject to a sist of Rupees 9½ which were given to one person on a progressive cowle of eight years were abandoned, owing to the constant destruction of crops raised thereon by wild beasts. A deduction of 15-5 acres of land, bearing a sist of Rupees 56-11-6, was made from a plot of ground granted to a person on a progessive cowle for eight years, in consequence of deficit discovered by measurement in the extent of land originally granted, and two plots of land measuring 59½ acres, bearing a sist of Rupees 34-8-0, which were given to two persons under Tope Rules, on a cowle of 20 years, were struck off the Cowle list, in consequence of the failure on the part of the Cowle-holders to fulfil their engagement of planting the trees.

IX.—Remissions.
Statement No 4.

Villages.	Talooks.	Amount. RS.	A.	P.
95	Berhampore............	10,099	2	5
25	Chicacole............ ...	1,554	1	2
120		11,653	3	7

22. Remissions to the extent of Rupees 11,653-3-7 were granted to the ryots of 120 villages of the Berhampore and Chicacole Talooks, as noted in the margin, in consequence of the loss of produce by failure of rains, and Rupees 131-14-0 were remitted to the ryots of 17 villages in the Gumsur Talook, being a portion of the assessment of 169-27¼ of land covered by sand, on condition of reclaiming the lands on progressive remission extending over a period of from 2 to 4 years. A remission of Rupees 80 was granted for lands taken on progressive cowle during the year under report. Those granted in the past and preceding fuslies on account of this year for lands given on cowle in those fuslies, amount to Rupees 6,208.

X.—Abstract of the General Results of Land Revenue Settlement.

23. The subjoined Table shows the current demand of Land Revenue compared with that of Fusly 1277:—

Items.	Fusly 1277. RS. A. P.	Fusly 1278. RS. A. P.	Increase. RS. A. P.	Decrease. RS. A. P.
Land Revenue				
Permanently settled.........	4,31,575 9 7	4,30,954 9 7	... ...	621 0 0
Not Permanently Settled.				
Shrotriem Jody, etc...	24,855 0 0	24,865 0 0	10 0 0	....
Ryotwar.....	6,36,775 14 11	6,27,633 14 10	... ...	9,142 0 1
Total..	6,61,630 14 11	6,52,498 14 10	... ...	9,132 0 1
Miscellaneous.........	70,007 6 8	66,002 7 8	... ...	4,004 15 0
Total Land Revenue...	11,63,213 15 2	11,49,456 0 1	... ...	13,757 15 1

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24. The decrease in permanently settled is owing to the permanent reduction of Rs. 621, made in the peishcush of the Palur Zemindary, on account of the lands taken up for the Chilka Canal, under the Order of Government, dated the 11th August 1868, No. 2,134, and the increase in Shrotriem Jody, etc., is attributable to the inclusion through an oversight in the amount of quit-rent, the Cuttoobady of an Inam situated in an Inam village, during Fusly 1277.

25. The decrease in Ryotwar, is chiefly due to the grant of remissions to ryots for loss of produce, in consequence of the failure of rains.

26. For the decrease in Land Revenue Miscellaneous—*vide* causes given in paragraphs 32 to 36.

XI.—Sundry sources of revenue. Abkarry.

27. The increase in "Abkarry" is the result of enhanced offers received for the farms of Purla Kimedy and Teckaly.

Salt.

28. The increase in "Salt" is referable to the improvement in the Brinjary trade.

Sea Customs and Stamps.

29. The small variations in Sea Customs and Stamps call for no remark.

License-tax

30. The deficit in Certificate-tax is chiefly the result of exclusion from tax of all incomes below 500 Rupees, under Act IX. of 1868.

31. For the variations in the Miscellaneous items under the above heads, see causes given in paragraph 37.

XII.—Sevoy Jummah. Statement No. 5.

32. The increase in the 17th, 32nd, 42nd, and 46th items is due to the following causes:—

1st.—Attachment of a larger number of inams during fusly under notice.

2nd.—Enhanced offers received for the rent of Charoots.

3rd.—Imposition of fines on Village Curnums for not rendering certain periodical Returns at the prescribed time.

4th.—Large extent of Inam land for which the Government water was made use of.

33. The decrease in the 1st, 4th, 6th, 13th, 15th, 37th, 40th, 41st, and 47th items, is referable to the undermentioned causes:—

1st.—Relinquishment of certain inams on the ground of the imposition of heavy quit-rent and the resumption of portions of certain Service Inams enjoyed by deceased parties who performed no service during their life time.

2nd.—Transfer of certain villages from "Rents for more than one year" to "Ryotwar."

3rd.—Smaller quantity of cultivated land brought to account subsequent to Jummahbundy.

4th.—Reduction made in the amount of rental of certain trees owing to the commencement of the payment of Cowle Sist for the land on which they are standing, under the terms of a Cowle granted in Fusly 1273.

5th.—Resumption of smaller number of inams.

6th.—Scanty growth of Durbah grass.

7th.—Inclusion in the amount of Fusly 1277, of the commission of property sold in satisfaction of the arrears of revenue during the preceding fusly.

8th.—Inclusion in the amount of Fusly 1277, the commission charged on a grant of 50,000 Rupees made on account of Police charges formerly incurred by the Purla Kimedy estate.

9th.—Redemption by payment of 25 years purchase of the quit-rent of a certain bungalow.

34. The variations in the 8th, 44th, and 45th items call for no remark in consequence of their contingent nature.

35. The total decrease in the 18th item is the result of the discontinuance of the realisation of sist on certain Khond villages situated in the Surada Maliahs, under the Orders of Government, dated the 19th September 1868, No. 1,456, Judicial Department, and the total increase in the 51st item is due to the sale of Receipt books to ryots.

36. The variations in the entries under the 52nd item is referable, 1st, to the sale of an unclaimed Jerayati Puttah holding; 2nd, to the transfer to the head "Rent," of the assessment of two

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hamlets discovered in Fusly 1277; 3rd, to the large excess discovered on measurement in the cultivated area of some of the villages in the Gumsur Talook; 4th, to the charge of assessment on certain unauthorised grants of inam; and 5th, to the smaller account received for survey and demarcation of waste lands.

37. The increase in Miscellaneous under "Abkarry" is chiefly owing to the increased number of licenses granted for the sale of European liquors and the variations in Miscellaneous under the heads of "Salt" "Sea Customs" need no remark, in reference to their contingent and variable nature, and the decrease in penalties under Stamps is referable to the transfer to the head "Law and Justice," of penalties under the orders of the Accountant General.

XIII.—Abstract of collections on account of Land and Sundry sources of Revenue.

38. The following is an abstract showing the Collections on account of Current and Arrears, during the fusly under review, compared with those of Fusly 1277.

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Land Revenue								
Permanently settled	3,716	4,30,972	4,34,688	603	4,22,357	4,22,960	...	11,728
Shrotriem Jody, etc	8,732	22,814	31,546	2,651	21,746	24,397	...	7,149
Ryotwar	81,967	6,19,119	7,01,086	17,971	6,10,397	6,28,368	...	72,718
Miscellaneous	32,102	60,620	92,722	8,997	61,282	70,279	...	22,443
Total...	1,26,517	11,33,525	12,60,042	30,222	11,15,782	11,46,004	...	1,14,038
Abkarry	5,318	61,033	66,351	4,646	67,216	71,862	5,511	...
Salt	...	12,92,186	12,92,186	...	13,11,138	13,11,138	18,952	...
Sea Customs	...	78,106	78,106	...	80,531	80,531	2,425	...
Stamps	...	85,534	85,534	...	82,043	82,043	...	3,491
License-tax	...	12,188	12,188	...	*8,320	8,320	...	3,868
Total...	5,318	15,29,047	15,34,365	4,646	15,49,248	15,53,894	26,888	7,359
Grand Total	1,31,835	26,62,572	27,94,407	34,868	26,65,030	26,99,898	...	94,509

	RS.
* Certificate-tax	7,299
Income-tax	1,021
Total...	8,320

39. The decrease in permanently settled is owing—1st, to the cause given in paragraph 24. 2nd, to the smaller amount of balance outstanding at the beginning of fusly under notice than at that of Fusly 1277; and 3rd, to the large balance due by the Proprietor of Raghunadpore estate, on account of current Peishcush, for the realisation of which, steps have been taken.

40. The decrease in Shotriem Jody, etc., is chiefly referable to the 2nd cause given in the preceding paragraph.

41. The decrease in Ryotwar is partly referable to the above cause, and partly to the grant of remissions to the extent of Rupees 11,653-3-7 for loss of produce, owing to the adverse nature of the season.

42. The decrease in "Miscellaneous" is chiefly due to the 2nd cause given in paragraph 39.

43. For the variations under the heads of Abkarry, Salt, Sea Customs, Stamps and License-tax, *vide* causes given in paragraph 37.

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XIV.—Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of Revenue.

Statement No. 7.

44. Of the balance enumerated in column 4 of this Statement, Rupees 15,978-0-7 have been collected subsequent to the close of fusly, as detailed in column 5, and for the realisation of the remainder, steps have been taken.

XV.—Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of arrears of revenue.

45. Of the balance of Rupees 82,604-13-0 which was outstanding at the beginning of the fusly under notice, Rupees 34,867-15-7 have been collected during the fusly, and Rs. 36,529-8-2 remitted under the Orders of Government, dated the 22nd December 1868, No. 3,200, and 11th May 1869, No. 1,313, leaving a balance of Rupees 11,207-5-3 uncollected at its close. The subsequent collections have reduced this to Rupees 10,936-5-1, of which again, Rupees 5,523-12-4 have now been recommended for remission, and of the remaining sum of Rupees 5,412-8-9, Rupees 4,155-3 2 it is expected will be collected during the ensuing kists, and the remainder, which is a doubtful balance, will be disposed of during the next Jummahbundy.

XVI.—Recommendation of Irrecoverable arrears for remission.

Statement No. 8.

46. The subjoined table shows the particulars of irrecoverable balances now recommended for remission.

Talooks.	Fuslies.	Shrotriem Jody, etc.			Ryotwar.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Chicacole	1275	1	0	0	....			....			1	0	0
	1277	....			4	5	5	....			4	5	5
	Total ...	1	0	0	4	5	5	....			5	5	5
Gumsur	1275	....			88	12	9	3	3	2	91	15	11
	1276	....			40	2	0	2	4	0	42	6	0
	1277	....			301	5	10	1,670	8	0	1,971	13	10
	Total ...	....			430	4	7	1,675	15	2	2,106	3	9
Berhampore	1275	154	0	8	....			463	7	9	617	8	5
	1276	....			373	10	7	83	12	8	457	7	3
	1277	....			2,142	0	5	195	3	1	2,337	3	6
	Total ...	154	0	8	2,515	11	0	742	7	6	3,412	3	2
Grand Total ...		155	0	8	2,950	5	0	2,418	6	8	5,523	12	4

Particulars.	RS.	A.	P.
Death...	76	10	8
Desertion	73	14	11
Poverty	1,728	13	0
Robbery	73	11	0
Incorporation of certain Jerayati holdings with Inam, as per Inam Commissioner's Title-deeds, subsequent to the payment of Jerayati sist...	158	14	2
Error in the formation of demand	261	7	6
Taken up by roads and gravel pits and washed away by streams	19	0	6
Reduction made by the Inam Commissioner in the quit-rent of a certain inam ...	1	0	0
Discontinuance of the levy of sist from the Khond villages above the ghauts ...	1,670	8	0
Deficit discovered by measurement	121	4	8
Boundary land under dispute decided in favor of a Zemindary estate by the Demarcation Department	114	0	11
Collections of Cuttubady carried to the credit of Jerayati	335	1	0
Submerged lands...	124	11	0
Embezzled by Village Officers	761	11	0
Total ...	5,523	12	4

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47. Of the balance outstanding against the Chicacole Talook, namely, Rupees 5-5-5, Rupees 4-5-5 is the sist of certain pieces of Jerayati holdings taken up by gravel pits, and Rupee 1 is the reduction made by the Inam Commissioner in the amount of quit-rent originally imposed on a certain inam.

48. Of the balance of Rupees 2,106-3-9 outstanding against the Gumsur Talook, Rupees 76-10-8 is the sist due by forty deceased ryots of 30 villages; Rupees 73-14-11 is due by 71 ryots of 26 villages who have deserted them, and Rupees 194-8-3 is due by 32 impoverished ryots of 20 villages; Rupees 73-11-0 is the collection of 3 villages which was stolen when the 2 village servants who were taking the amount to the Talook Treasury halted for the night in a certain village on their way to Russelcondah. The culprit, who is a resident of Berhampore Talook, was subsequently apprehended and sentenced by the Junior Assistant Agent to six months' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rupees 74, and in default, to two months' further rigorous imprisonment; Rupees 11-7-9 is the sist of certain pieces of Jerayati holdings taken up by roads and washed away by streams; Rupees 3-3-2 is the quit-rent of Fusly 1275, imposed by the Inam Commissioner on a piece of land which was formerly treated as Jerayati, and the sist of which for Fusly 1275 was duly collected before the distribution of the title-deed; Rupees 2-4-0 is the result of an error in the formation of demand for Fusly 1276, and Rupees 1,670½ is the sist due by the Khonds of Suradah hills for Fusly 1277, which was ordered not to be collected;—*vide* concluding part of paragraph 36 of the Government Order, dated the 19th September 1868, No. 1,456, Judicial Department.

49. Of the balance of Rupees 3,412-3-2 outstanding against the Berhampore Talook, Rupees 1,534 4-9 is due by 309 impoverished ryots of 108 villages; Rupees 7-12-4 is the sist due on a Jerayati holding which was treated as Inam, in reference to the title-deed granted by the Inam Commissioner; Rupees 3-3-4 is the sist of portions of three Jerayati holdings taken up by road; Rupees 121-4-8 is the sist of the deficit discovered on measurement in the extent of certain Jerayati villages; Rupees 114 is the demand of a certain piece of disputed boundary land which was made over by the Demarcation Department to the Chigati Zemindar; Rupees 335-1-0 is the amount of Shrotriem and Quit-rent of an Agraharam and certain Inam lands erroneously carried to the credit of "Ryotwar" during Fusly 1275, the whole of the balance of which fusly, outstanding against the ryots, was ordered to be remitted by Government, in their Orders of the 9th April 1867, No. 823; Rupees 124-11-0 is the sist of certain Jerayati holdings which were submerged, owing to the repairs executed to a large reservoir called Coratuly Tampara; Rupees 147-0-8 is the portion of Shrotriem of a village for Fusly 1275 which was formerly paying a Jerayati sist, but which was treated as an Agraharam, and a title-deed issued accordingly by the Inam Commissioner in reference to its original tenure; but before its distribution in that Fusly, Rupees 147-0-8 was recovered and carried to the credit of Jerayati; Rupees 259-3-6 is the result of an error in the formation of demand in consequence of insertion in the accounts of Cuttubady of certain inams twice over and increased amount of sist erroneously inserted on account of certain Jerayati holdings, and Rupees 764-11-0 is the amount embezzled by the Village Officers of the four villages of Senkarapuram, Sologhara, Palibanda, and Gangadhava during the time of famine in Fusly 1275, and concealed by transferring portions of the collections made on account of subsequent fuslies to the credit of the sist originally embezzled. For this offence, the Curnum and Carji of the first village were sentenced by the Session Court to rigorous imprisonment of four years and to pay a fine of 300 Rupees each, and in default, to a further imprisonment of one year. The Curnum of the second village was sentenced by the same Court to two years' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rupees 200, and in default, to a further imprisonment of one year; that of the third village was sentenced by the Senior Assistant Magistrate to one year's rigorous imprisonment, and to pay a fine of Rupees 100, and in default, to a further imprisonment of six months; while the Curnum of the fourth village was punished by the Sub-Magistrate of Purshottapore with six months' imprisonment with hard labor, and a fine of Rupees 150, and in default of payment, to one month and fifteen days' further imprisonment. No property was discovered from the sale of which any portion of the embezzled amount could be made good.

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50. Under the above explanations, I request the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for writing off the accounts the abovementioned irrecoverable balance of Rupees 5,523-12-4.

XVII.—Coercive Process.

51. Coercive processes were employed during the fusly under notice in 772 cases, for the realisation of arrears of revenue, as detailed in the Enclosure A. of Statement No. 8.

XVIII.—Charges.

52. The decrease in the salary of "Collectors, Sub-Collectors, Head-Assistant-Collectors, "Assistant-Collectors, and Deputy Collectors," is chiefly the result of the non-disbursement of the salary of the Collector for two months, and that of the Assistant Agent for ten months of the year, and the decrease in the "Tent and House-rent allowances" is due to the disbursement of these allowances of the Assistant Agent, only for a portion of the year.

53. The trifling variations in the "Huzoor and Talook Establishment" and in "Saderward" require no remark.

54. The increase in Medical charges is referable to the high rates of pay lately sanctioned to the Medical Subordinates.

55. The increase in Contingencies is partly due to a monthly payment of Rupees 40, under the Board's Proceedings of 22nd May 1868, No. 3,794, on account of the rent of a house occupied by the Berhampore Tahsildar's Cutcherry during the fusly under notice, whereas only Rupees 4 per mensem were paid on account of the rent of a house occupied by the Town Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry in Fusly 1277, and partly to the purchase of a large quantity of Office furniture and Cloth for belts of Peons, etc.

56. The increase in Miscellaneous, is owing to the transfer to the head "Niranikum establishment," of the pay of Lascars employed for watching the embankments of the Aska river, which was hitherto paid by the Public Works Department, to the increased charge incurred in the purchase of Jerayati holdings, for which no bidders were forthcoming when offered for sale by public auction in satisfaction of arrears of Revenue, and to the payment of a large amount of fees for registering the waste land indentures.

57. The trifling total increase in refunds under "Abkarry" calls for no remark, and the decrease in Contingencies is due to the smaller amount of fees paid for registering the Abkarry Muchilkas.

58. The total decrease in the establishment under License-tax is because no establishment was maintained during the fusly under notice, and the decrease in refunds requires no comment in consequence of its contingent and variable nature.

59. The increase in Establishment and Contingencies under "Sea Customs" is due to the increased rate of pay allowed to Peons and to the purchase of a large quantity of Office furniture, etc. The increase in refunds requires no remark in consequence of its contingent and variable nature.

60. The increase in "Establishment" Country Stationery or Saderward and "Travelling allowance to Officers and Batta to Establishment" and "Contingencies" under Salt is referable, first, to the entertainment of a Smith for repairing scales; second, to the purchase of coarse Cloth for money-bags and of Oil for going rounds during the time of manufacture; third, to the frequent tour of inspections of Salt Pans made by the Salt Deputy Collector; and fourth, to the purchase of Office furniture.

61. The increase in the "purchase of Salt and manufacturers' share" is partly due to the large quantity of salt manufactured, and partly to the disbursement during the year under notice of the balance of hire of Fusly 1277, due to Salt ryots.

62. The increase in charges for conveying and storing salt, is partly owing to the first cause assigned in the preceding paragraph, and partly to the debit during fusly under notice of charges incurred in the preceding fusly.

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63. The increase in "Repairs" is owing to the whole of the charges incurred on the above account having been debited to this head, whereas only the charges incurred in a few months were so debited in the preceding year.

64. The trifling increase in commission or discount to licensed Stamp Vendors, Refunds and Contingencies under "Stamps" require no remark in consequence of their contingent and variable nature.

Salt Statement No. 10.

		RS.
Fusly 1277	... ...	9,68,205
„ 1278	... ...	13,85,382
	Increase ...	4,17,177
Fusly 1277	... ...	7,94,062
„ 1278	... ...	12,54,834
	Increase ...	4,60,772
Fusly 1277	... ...	8,96,168
„ 1278	... ...	11,16,835
	Increase ...	2,20,667
Fusly 1277	... ...	7,88,048
„ 1278	... ...	7,99,271
	Increase ...	11,223

Statement No. 11.

Fusly 1277	... ...	16,654
„ 1278	... ...	14,322
	Decrease ...	2,332

65. The increase in the balance of salt is chiefly the result of the manufacture of a large quantity of salt in reference to the favorable nature of the season.

66. The increase in storage is chiefly referable to the cause adduced in the preceding paragraph.

67. The increase in manufacture is owing to the favorable nature of the weather during the fusly under notice.

68. The increase in the sales of salt is attributable to the cause given in paragraph 28.

69. The decrease in wastage is chiefly owing to the sale during the fusly under reference, of a smaller quantity of the salt of former fuslies than that sold in Fusly 1277. Sanction for writing off the accounts the abovementioned wastage of 14,322 Maunds, is now requested.

Statement No 12.

70. This Statement requires no fresh explanation.

XIX.—Working of the new system of Village Accounts.

71. As already stated, the new system of Village Accounts has been fairly brought into operation except in some of the villages of the Gumsur and Berhampore Talooks, as well as in Khond hamlets situated below the ghauts which have been lately brought to account. The Village and Talook Accounts have been examined by a Goomastah on the Huzoor Establishment, and the discrepancies and omissions therein discovered were duly pointed out to the parties concerned. With regard to the incompetency of the generality of the Curnums of the Gumsur and Berhampore Talooks, and the impracticability of replacing them, I beg to refer the Board to the second part of paragraph 73 of the Report on the Revenue Administration of this district for Fusly 1277.

XX.—Register of lands acquired by public servants.

72. The annexed Statement shows the number of public servants, and the extent of lands held by them.

Items.	Number of servants.	Extent of lands held.	
		A.	C.
Up to the end of Fusly 1277, as per last register	63	2,460	58
Deductions on account of deaths, removals, etc.	7	201	41
	56	2,259	17
Add lands (waste and cultivated) acquired during the year, and of servants newly appointed	2	49	10
Total...	58	2,308	27

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XXI.—Result of the sales of unassessed Waste lands.

73. Twenty-three Acres of unassessed Waste lands have been sold during the year under report for Rupees 670, and Rupees 3,504-7-5 collected, being stipulated instalments of the value and interest of all lands sold in former fuslies.

74. The following Table shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of interest charged on arrears of Land and Abkarry Revenue during the fusly under notice.

Items.		Demand.			Collection and remissions.			Balance.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Current ...	Land Revenue	551	4	11	42	9	10	508	11	1
	Abkarry Revenue	166	7	0	...	...	...	166	7	0
	Total..	717	11	11	42	9	10	675	2	1
Arrears ...	Land Revenue	260	3	5	256	11	10	3	7	7
	Abkarry Revenue	578	13	2	578	13	2	...	...	...
	Total...	839	0	7	835	9	0	3	7	7
	Grand Total...	1,556	12	6	878	2	10	678	9	8
Collections		......	...	...	524	9	3	...	...	...
Remissions granted by the Board's Proceedings of the 15th May 1869, No. 3,330		......	...	...	353	9	7	...	...	...

75. Of the balance of Rupees 678-9-8 outstanding at the close of fusly, Rupees 154-4-2 have been subsequently realised, and for the collection of the remainder, steps have been taken.

28th August

(Signed) G. ELLIS,
Acting Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

VIZAGAPATAM.

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report on the management of the Revenues of this District for Fusly 1278 (1868-69), with the usual explanatory accounts.

I.—Villages at which the settlement was made.

2. The following Statement shows where the settlement was made during the past year in the Government Talooks of Sarvasiddhi and Golgondah which are the only two under management. The remaining Government estate, Palcondah, continues on rent to Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.

The settlement was commenced by Mr. Hutchins in December last, but owing to that officer's sudden and severe indisposition, which resulted in his leaving the district, it was stopped until February, when Mr. Sewell joined the district and completed the Jummahbundy.

Talooks.	Villages at which the settlement was made.
Golgondah	Narsipatam and Kottakotah.
Sarvasiddhi	Kondakirla, Pauchadarla, Yelamanchili, and Rayavaram.

II.—Variations in the number and tenure of villages.

3. There have been but two variations in the tenure of the villages, one in the case of a small ryotwar village bearing an assessment of Rupees 2, which was deserted from being overgrown with jungle, and another, a joint-rent village, which reverted to ryotwar.

No.	Talooks.	Mode of settlement.	Number of villages in Fusly 1277.	Number of villages in Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	Sarvasiddhi	Ryotwar	65	65	......	......
2	Golgondah	Ryotwar and joint-rent.	93	93	......	......
		Rent for more than one year	95	94	......	1
		Total...	253	252	......	1

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The following is an abstract of the number of puttahs issued during the past fusly, as compared with that of the preceding year:—

No.	Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	Number of fresh puttahs	190	95	....	95
2	Do. do. modified by additional entries.	3,846	3,136	....	710
3	Do. do. not at all modified	....	900	900	....
	Total...	4,036	4,131	900	805
	Net Increase...	....	....	95	....

In new puttahs there is a decrease of 95, which is in consequence of the present system of giving fresh puttahs only when necessary. The number modified is 3,136, or 710 less than in last year. The modifications are owing to the additional entries of transfers and remissions being required to be notified in the puttah. The number of unaltered puttahs is 900; the number on the whole is thus 4,131 against 4,036 of the previous year, or net increase of 95. This increase is attributed to fresh lands being taken up on Durkhast, and to certain Inams having reverted to Jeroyati.

The Board will be glad to hear that the issuing of the new forms of Puttahs and Receipt Books, as directed in their orders marginally noted, has been completed this year in the Government talooks.

Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd January 1868, No. 12.

III.—Season and sanitary condition.

4. The season was generally unfavorable In the beginning of the fusly it was very promising, copious showers of rain having fallen from June to September, but the North-east monsoon subsequently entirely failed and this was sorely felt throughout the district, particularly in March, April, and May.

In the Government talooks of Sarvasiddhi and Golgondah the failure of the wet lands from want of water and withered crops was so extensive, that a remission of Rupees 61,523-7-4 had to be granted, explanation of which will be given hereafter.

Notwithstanding these adversities there has been no absolute scarcity in good grains, and the outturn for the year is perhaps 25 per cent. for the whole district, has been below an average crop, as already reported to the Board in my letters as per margin.

To Board 16th November 1868, No. 839.
Do. 28th ,, ,, No. 877.
Do. 22nd February 1869, No. 104.
Do. 19th March ,, No. 148.

The following Statement shows the rain-fall of the year:—

Months.	Inches.	Tenths.	Months.	Inches.	Tenths.
April 1868	...	6	October 1868	9	...
May ,, ...	3	5	November ,, ...	...	...
June ,, ...	10	1	December ,, ...	...	...
July ,, ...	6	5	January 1869	...	...
August ,, ...	5	9	February ,, ...	...	...
September ,, ...	6	7	March ,, ...	1	...
	33	3		...	1

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Notwithstanding the adverse nature of the season, the sanitary condition of the district has been remarkably good, though the total number of deaths are more this year by 2,707 than in last year; but the deaths from cholera and small-pox are less, while those from fever and other causes are more. An Abstract Statement showing the particulars is hereto attached:—

District.	Fusly.	Population.	Deaths.					Ratio per mile.
			Cholera.	Small-Pox.	Fever.	Other causes.	Total.	
Vizagapatam	1277	15,05,045	132	653	6,398	9,096	16,279	10·81
	1278	15,05,045	109	556	7,250	10,804	19,086	12·68

Cattle disease was also prevalent for several months in the year throughout the district, but it was of a milder form, so that the number of deaths were not so numerous as last year.

IV.—Prices.

5. The following abstract gives the average prices of the staple articles of consumption during the last five years. It will be seen that, with the exception of Varagaloo, the price of every other article was nearly doubled. The rates might have been something higher, had not large importations of grain taken place from Ganjam District to the value of Rupees 2,15,223, which tended, no doubt, to keep down any further rising in prices:—

No.	Grains.	Fusly 1274.	Fusly 1275.	Fusly 1276.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Total.	Average.
1	Paddy, 1st sort	156	215	163	85	149	768	153
2	Do. 2nd do.	145	202	152	77	136	712	142
3	Cholum or Jonnalu.	186	236	213	103	173	911	182
4	Cumboo or Bijira ...	156	222	165	77	161	781	156
5	Horse-gram	152	235	235	124	168	914	183
6	Raggy	170	239	197	97	180	883	176
7	Harrack or Varugu.	129	208	136	112	83	668	133

V.—Ryots' holdings.

6. The relinquishment of lands was much the same as in last year, namely, Acres 2,882, assessed at Rupees 5,889-3-0 against Acres 2,847, assessed at Rupees 6,803-0-7 of the previous year. The lands newly taken up amount to Acres 2,716, assessed at Rupees 5,297-9-8, thus showing a net decrease on the whole only of Acres 166, assessed at Rupees 591-11-4, which is attributed to the unfavorable nature of the season.

A Statement showing the above particulars is given below:—

Items.	Dry.		Wet.		Total.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Holdings at the beginning of Fusly 1278	53,407	56,806	24,499	1,26,111	77,906	1,82,917
Deduct lands given up	2,120	2,057	762	3,832	2,882	5,889
Remainder...	51,287	54,749	23,737	1,22,279	75,024	1,77,028
Add lands newly taken up	1,896	1,540	820	3,758	2,716	5,298
Total...	53,183	56,289	24,557	1,26,037	77,740	1,82,326

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VI.—Actual Cultivation.

7. The extent of actual cultivation shows an increase in Golgondah of Acres 401, assessed at Rupees 60, but a decrease of 640 Acres, assessed at Rupees 1,762, in Sarvasiddhi, being a net decrease on the whole of 239 Acres, assessment Rupees 1,702. These results are owing to the adverse character of the past season:—

Talooks.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Land.	Sist.	Land.	Sist.	Land.	Sist.	Land.	Sist.
Golgondah............	31,974	58,969	32,375	59,029	401	60	......	......
Sarvasiddhi	40,014	1,17,944	39,374	1,16,182	...	...	640	1,762
Total...	71,988	1,76,913	71,749	1,75,211	401	60	640	1,762
Net Decrease...	......	......	......	......	...	...	239	1,702

VII.—Final settlement.

8. The following Statement shows the final settlement of the Government talooks, as compared with that of the previous year, the result being a net decrease of Rupees 62,681-13-1, as particularised below. This large decrease, it will be observed, is owing chiefly to the large remissions granted in this year:—

Items.	Last Fusly.		Current Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.
Dry...	53,407	56,805 14 6	53,183	56,288 9 0	...	... ...	224	517 5 6
Wet	24,499	1,26,111 2 1	24,094	1,24,228 0 4	...	... ...	405	1,888 1 9
Total...	77,906	1,82,917 0 7	77,277	1,80,511 9 4	...	... ...	629	2,405 7 3
Add								
Second Crop assessment ...	...	....	...	....	...	... ...	...	....
Additional do.	...	2,846 6 9	...	2,408 2 0	...	... ...	...	438 4 9
Water-tax	...	....	...	....	...	... ...	...	....
Road Cess, (both, Ryotwar and Inam)	...	6,954 3 6	...	6,992 6 4	...	... ...	...	1,961 13 2
Village Service Fund	...	....	...	....	...	... ...	...	....
Total...	77,906	1,94,717 10 10	77,277	1,89,912 1 8	...	... ...	629	4,805 9 2
Deduct								
Remissions	...	....	...	....	...	... ...	...	....
Road Cess...	...	8,954 3 6	...	6,992 6 4	...	... ...	...	1,961 13 2
Village Service Fund... ...	...	369 7 10	...	353 6 0	...	... ...	...	16 1 10
Other remissions as particularised in Statement No. 4.	...	....	...	59,709 11 5	..	59,709 11 5	...	....
Total...	...	9,323 11 4	...	67,055 7 9	...	59,709 11 5	...	1,977 15 0
Remaining Beriz	...	1,85,893 15 6	...	1,22,856 9 11	...	59,709 11 5	...	62,537 5 7
Add								
Miscellaneous items	...	17,496 14 3	...	17,352 6 9	...	... ...	...	144 7 6
Total...	77,906	2,03,890 13 9	77,277	1,40,209 0 8	...	59,709 11 5	...	62,681 13 1

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Board's Proceedings, dated 31st March 1869, No. 2,070.

The item of Rupees 2,408-2-0, entered above as additional assessment, is the amount of Teervajasti collected in last year. Of this sum, Rupees 2,336-12-4 was from lands irrigated by the Gubbada anicut channels in Golgondah Talook. At present the lands are classed as dry, but will be transferred to wet, on ascertaining which of them can be permanently cultivated as such.

The remaining sum of Rupees 71-5-8 was collected on certain dry lands in Sarvasiddhi, which grew Paddy and Sugar-cane by the aid of circar water.

VIII. Principal sources of Irrigation.

9. The following abstract gives the details under this head, together with the ayacut and cultivation thereupon, and the actual revenue derived from the lands under them:—

No.	Talooks.	Sources of Irrigation.	Extent of Ayacut.	Assessment.	Cultivation under each source.	Actual revenue derived.
			ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1.	Golgondah	1. Komaravolu Ava (lake)	624	3,071	624	2,826
		2. Rivers and channels	1,976	11,263	1,894	8,022
		3. Tanks	7,818	37,481	7,660	21,697
		Total...	10,418	51,815	10,178	32,545
2.	Sarvasiddhi... ...	1. Kondakirla Ava (lake)	1,384	11,438	1,249	11,151
		2. Rivers and channels)...	7,484	40,849	6,824	21,385
		3. Tanks	7,563	38,145	6,.69	5,056
		Total ..	16,431	90,432	11,242	37,592
		Grand Total...	26,849	1,42,247	24,420	70,137

IX.—Waste charged and remitted.

10. The waste charged was on Golgondah Rupees 2,241-5-11, and on Sarvasiddhi, Rupees 3,058-11-3; the amounts remitted were respectively Rupees 310-13-6, and Rupees 1,502-14-5; particulars of which will be found in Statement No. 3, which accompanies this report.

X.—Particulars of Remissions.

11. This Statement shows the details of the remissions, aggregating Rupees 61,523-7-4; an extract from the Principal Assistant's report on this subject is given below, showing the reasons for granting such a large amount, and from my own observations on the spot, I am satisfied that the sum was properly allowed. "You are aware that a large amount of remission on wet lands was "necessary in consequence of the almost entire failure of the latter rains. No remission however "on dry lands was required. In granting the remission, I have strictly observed the principles laid "down in the Board's Standing Circular No. 137, granting full remission for wet lands left waste "for want of water not caused by any neglect of the cultivators, and for those on which the crops "entirely failed for the same cause, while with regard to partial shavy, after taking into con-"sideration all the circumstances of each village, I granted in proportion to the general loss,

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"remission from 15 to 85 per cent on the lands that have suffered. This remission is granted on "Ryotwar lands."

Talooks.	Assessment.	Remissions on account of		
		Waste.	Withered crops.	Total.
	RS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Golgondah	61,581	310 13 6	16,267 12 8	16,578 10 2
Sarvasiddhi	1,20,744	1,502 14 5	43,441 14 9	44,944 13 2
Total...	......	1,813 11 11	59,709 11 5	61,523 7 4

"I determined with your concurrence to grant a small remission to some of the joint-rent "villages, which are all 20 in number, in the Golgondah Talook. The amount thus granted is "Rupees 2,200-6-11, on an assessment of Rupees 12,768-5-11."

"In concluding this part of my report, I beg to point out that the granting of remission was "conducted under peculiar difficulties, owing to the illness and departure of my predecessor in "the middle of Jummahbundy; as I did not join till February, I was unable to inspect person- "ally the lands that had suffered, the produce being all removed, and was consequently obliged "to rely more on the report of subordinate officials, than I could have wished. I held, however, as "full an inquiry as was possible in each case, and think I may safely state that the amount of "remission granted was not more than was rendered necessary by the state of the season."

XI.—Progressive Cowle.

12. Of the 111 acres held on Progressive cowle at the end of Fusly 1277, 105 Acres were thrown up during Fusly 1278, the ryots retaining only six acres of the old lands, bearing an assessment of Rupees 10 in their hands. Fresh lands to the extent of 320 acres were, however, taken up during the past year on the usual terms, namely, free the first year, 25 per cent. of assessment the second, double that the third, 75 per cent. the fourth, and full assessment in the fifth year. Inquiries will be made as to the grounds on which the relinquishments abovementioned were allowed, and measures adopted for the future to enforce the terms of the cowle, as directed in Board's Circular Order, dated 5th October 1859.

XII.—Special products.

13. The following Comparative Abstract shows the extent of the cultivation of special products in both Government and Zemindary estates during the past two fuslies:—

Names of products cultivated.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Sugar-cane......	5,625	35,560	5,401	36,095	......	535	224	......
Cotton..........	19,518	43,381	17,351	49,368	......	5,987	2,167	......
Indigo..........	3,252	18,295	5,282	33,183	2,030	14,888	......	......

In Sugar-cane and Cotton the cultivation has extended, while that in Indigo, has fallen to nearly one half; a result, owing no doubt, to the unfavorable nature of the season.

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XIII.—General results of the Land Revenue assessment.

14. The following Statement shows the result of the Land Revenue assessment for the two past fuslies:—

No.	Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.			Decrease.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1.	Peishcush of Zemindary and Proprietary Estates..........	97,02,911	3	1	9,70,081	1	10	...	...	...	210	1	3
2.	Quit-rent on Shrotriem, etc., villages..	48,363	0	11	51,030	1	5	2,667	0	6	...	...	...
3.	Ryotwar................	1,85,393	15	6	1,22,856	9	11	...	...	...	62,537	5	7
4.	Miscellaneous............	1,80,257	11	6	1,76,249	8	11	...	...	...	4,008	2	7
	Total...	13,84,305	15	0	13,20,217	6	1	2,667	0	6	66,755	9	5
	Net Decrease...	......	...	...	......	...	...	...	...	...	64,088	8	11

It will be seen that the net decrease is Rupees 64,088-8-11, which is chiefly in ryotwar, and is owing to the late bad season.

The increase in quit-rent is in consequence of certain items erroneously credited to "Land Revenue Miscellaneous," being this year transferred to the proper head.

The decrease in Miscellaneous is owing to the transfer of the Shrotriem items, and to the falling off of small sums in the demand of certain other items, which need not here be explained. Details of these will be found in Statement No. 5, which accompanies this report.

XIV.—Abkarry, Salt and other sources of revenue.

15. The following is a Comparative Abstract of the demand from sundry sources of revenue:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Abkarry........................	1,02,150	0	0	1,10,997	3	3	8,847	3	3	...	...	...
Miscellaneous..................	428	14	1	589	6	9	160	8	8	...	...	...
Total...	1,02,578	14	1	1,11,586	10	0	9,007	11	11	...	...	...
Salt............................	2,96,295	1	5	2,86,964	7	10	...	...	...	9,330	9	7
Miscellaneous..................	28	8	6	828	14	11	800	6	5	...	...	...
Total...	2,96,323	9	11	2,87,793	6	9	800	6	5	9,330	9	7
Sea Customs....................	78,894	13	11	82,491	15	0	3,597	1	1	...	...	...
Miscellaneous..................	119	15	6	222	6	4	102	6	10	...	...	...
Total...	79,014	13	5	82,714	5	4	3,699	7	11	...	...	...
License-tax....................	19,550	0	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	19,550	0	5
Assessed or Certificate-tax..	...	...	...	11,752	11	0	11,752	11	0	...	...	...
Income-tax......................	...	...	...	1,073	4	0	1,073	4	0	...	...	...
Stamps..........................	1,27,712	11	8	1,52,380	0	0	24,667	4	4	...	...	...
Miscellaneous..................	2,770	7	0	243	5	0	...	...	...	2,527	2	0
Total...	1,30,483	2	8	1,52,623	5	0	24,667	4	4	2,527	2	0
Grand Total...	6,27,950	8	6	6,47,543	10	1	51,000	13	7	31,407	12	0
Net Increase...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19,593	1	7	...	...	...

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Abkarry.

In Abkarry, the increase Rupees 8,847-3-3, is owing entirely to the sums obtained at auction on the renewal for one year of a few of the leases at the beginning of the past fusly, and which was reported to the Board in my letter of the 5th June 1868, No. 485.

Salt.

In salt, the decrease is Rupees 9,330-9-7, which is attributed to a falling off in the sales. The Acting Salt Deputy Collector explains this as the result of (1) the wholesale of certain heaps on which a discount of Rupees 3,341-4-0 was allowed, and (2), the prevalence of the use of Salt-earth extensively throughout the district.

Wastage in salt.

The wastage in salt is, as in last year, very small being 2,098 Indian Maunds and 20 tolas; or about 1¾ per cent. on the sales, namely, Indian Maunds of 1,14,599, one seer and 20 tolas; sanction is requested to write off the wastage which is valued at Rupees 3,540-6-2.

Sea Customs.

In Customs, the increase is Rs. 3,597-1-1, in comparison with the demand of the previous year, and is owing entirely to large exports of Gingelly seeds to Marseilles.

License-tax.

In License-tax, there is a decrease of Rupees 14,722-0-5, which is owing to its abolition on the 30th April 1868, and no collections being made on this account in Fusly 1278.

Assessed on Certificate-tax.

This tax superseded the preceding one on the 18th May 1868. The collections on this account were Rupees 11,752-11-0, the whole of which is set down as an increase.

The decrease as compared with the License-tax collections for Fusly 1277, arises chiefly from the exemption of all incomes below Rupees 500 a year, by which, 2,945 persons previously assessed escaped taxation, as reported in my Administration Report dated 14th April last.

Income-tax.

This impost was introduced on the 1st April last, under Act IX. of 1869, and has, therefore, been but three months in force during the past fusly. The collections for this period amount to Rupees 1,073-4-0, and is an increase in comparison with the previous year.

Stamps.

In Stamps, there is an increase of Rupees 24,667-4-4, which is due to increased litigation, and to the result of the provisions contained in Act XXVI. of 1867, which has increased the Stamp duty on suits.

XV.—Collection of all sources of revenue.

16. The following abstract shows in one view the particulars of the collections, current and arrears, of all sources of revenue for the fusly under review, aggregating Rupees 19,86,797, or a net decrease of Rupees 17,750, the causes of which have already been explained:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled	23,420	9,28,600	9,52,020	43,609	9,44,372	9,87,981	35,961	...
Quit-rent on Shrotriem and Inam villages	1,016	48,071	49,087	75	50,967	51,042	1,955	...
Ryotwar	1,168	1,85,201	1,86,364	138	1,22,578	1,22,716	...	63,648
Miscellaneous	31,842	1,49,654	1,81,496	30,344	1,46,477	1,76,821	...	4,675
Total...	57,441	13,11,526	13,68,967	74,166	12,64,394	13,38,560	37,916	68,323
Abkarry	11,152	99,057	1,10,209	3,522	1,08,758	1,12,280	2,071	...
Salt	...	2,96,323	2,96,323	...	2,87,793	2,87,793	...	8,530
Sea Customs...	...	79,015	79,015	...	82,714	82,714	3,699	...
License-tax	...	19,550	19,550	...	...	...	...	19,550
Assessed or Certificate-tax .	...	...	...	...	11,752	11,752	11,752	...
Income-tax	...	...	...	...	1,074	1,074	1,074	...
Stamps	...	1,30,483	1,30,483	...	1,52,624	1,52,624	22,141	...
Grand Total...	68,593	19,85,954	20,04,547	77,688	19,09,109	19,86,797	78,653	96,403
Net Decrease...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,750

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XVI.—Demand, Collection, and Balances of all sources of revenue.

17. The following abstract shows the particulars of the current Demand, Collection, and Balance of the various sources of revenue of this district, for the past fusly:—

Items.	Amount.			Total.		
Demand.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Land Revenue	13,20,217	6	1	...	...	...
Miscellaneous and other items	6,47,543	10	1	...	...	...
				19,67,761	0	2
Collections.						
Collected up to 30th June 1869	19,09,108	8	0	...	...	...
Subsequent collections up to 31st July 1869	50,920	7	2	...	...	...
				19,60,028	15	2
Balance...	...	...	...	7,732	1	0
Particulars of the balance.						
Permanently settled estates	...	...	...	5,647	8	9
Quit-rent on Shrotriem and Inam villages	...	...	...	35	2	3
Ryotwar	...	...	..	187	0	10
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	123	13	1
Abkarry	...	...	...	1,738	8	1
Total...				7,732	1	0

Of the above demand, Rupees 19,09,109 were collected within the year, and Rupees 50,920 subsequently, leaving Rupees 7,732 outstanding. Of this sum, Rupees 2,351 is due on the Pachipenta Zemindary, in liquidation of which, the Government have ordered the estate to be taken under Circar management, which is being done; Rupees 2,710 is due by the Proprietrix of Woongaradah, and will, with the other items, be collected this year.

XVII.—Arrears.

18. At the beginning of the year, the arrears outstanding amounted to Rupees 85,620-8-11, of which Rupees 77,688-13-5 were collected during the Fusly, Rupees 7,339-13-0 were written off under Government Orders, dated 22nd December 1868, No. 3,200, and 11th May 1869, No. 1,313, leaving a balance of Rupees 591-14-6, the greater part of which is irrecoverable as will be presently shown:—

Items.	Amount.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Land Revenue	44,919	11	7			
Miscellaneous	31,161	15	9			
Abkarry	9,538	13	7			
				85,620	8	11
Collections within the fusly						
Amount collected	77,688	13	5			
Remitted as per Government Orders, dated 22nd December 1868, No. 3,200, and 11th May 1869, No. 1,313	7,339	13	0			
	85,028	10	5			
Subsequent collections up to 31st July 1869	0	0	4			
				85,028	10	9
Balance...	...	...	...	591	14	2

XVIII.—Arrears of previous years irrecoverable.

19. Annexed is a detailed Statement with explanatory remarks of the irrecoverable arrears. Sanction to write off the same, aggregating Rupees 474-6-9, is requested—

Talooks.	Items.	Amount recommended for remission. RS.	A.	P.	Remarks.
Golgondah	Miscellaneous.	3	12	0	This is quit-rent due on an Inam land which was subjected to inundation by the improvement of a tank at Narsipatam. The Title-deed has been cancelled by the Inam Commissioner. The sum is therefore irrecoverable.
Sarvasiddhi	Ryotwar.	55	0	5	The Principal Assistant writes that this sum is due by certain ryots who have absconded. The lands were put up to auction for arrears and bought on behalf of Government, (under Standing Circular, dated 16th June and 4th December 1862, Nos. 3,851 and 7,906,) no bidders having presented themselves. The amount is therefore irrecoverable.
Vizagapatam.........	Miscellaneous.	10	15	0	Quit-rent due on a certain Inam land which was put up to auction for arrears and purchased on behalf of Government.
Gajapatinagram ...	Do.	11	0	0	This is sist due on a land incorporated with Government ayacut as per orders of the Inam Commissioner. The amount was subsequently remitted the land having formed the bed of a nullah, and as the amount is included in the public demand, sanction is requested to write it off.
Palcondah............	Do.	390	11	4	Quit-rent on certain Inams for Fusly 1277, the Title-deeds of which were not distributed, but the amount having been erroneously included in the demand, sanction is now requested to strike it out.
	Total..	471	6	9	

XIX.—Coercive Process.

20. We had 89 cases of Revenue defaulters during the year, namely, two in Golgondah, and 87 in Sarvasiddhi. This is 16 below the number in the previous year.

The amount due was Rupees 917, a portion of this sum has been realised, and to meet the balance, certain movable and immovable property is under attachment and will be disposed of in due course of Law.

XX.—Process Service Fund.

21. Referring to the Board's Standing Order, No. I, dated 8th January 1869, I hereto annex a Statement showing the amount collected and the charges incurred on account of the Process Service Fund during the past year.

	RS.	A.	P.
Collections including last year's balance......	755	6	3
Deduct			
Charges	750	3	8
Balance due to certain peons, but remaining undisbursed	5	2	7

The number of peons employed and the rates paid to each during the whole year is not known. A regular account of this kind having been kept only from the beginning of the current year.

Of the sum collected, Rupees 33-2-3 belong to the Government talooks, the rest is from those in Zemindaries and from Palcondah.

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XXI.—Charges.

22. The following is a Comparative Statement of the charges of the two last fuslies, showing an increase of Rupees 50,834-13-5 in the year under review:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Land Revenue	1,46,950 6 7	1,68,637 5 2	21,686 14 7	... ...
Abkarry	0 9 7	... ...	... ...	0 9 7
Sea Customs	5,250 4 5	5,571 4 6	321 0 1	... ...
Salt	32,605 1 5	62,198 4 11	29,593 3 6	... ...
Stamps	4,533 3 2	5,230 11 9	697 8 7	... ...
Assessed or Certificate tax	1,463 3 9	... ...	... ...	1,463 3 9
Income-tax	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Total...	1,90,802 12 11	2,41,637 10 4	52,298 10 9	1,463 13 4
Net Increase...	... ...	... ...	50,834 13 5	... ...

The increase in Land Revenue arises in the item of Colllector's salary which was drawn in full last year, in the previous year there being only a deputation allowance disbursed. The increase in salt is in consequence of the Petty Construction and Repairs of the Salt Department being debited to this head this year as per Treasury Accounts, and to a larger quantity of salt being purchased from the manufacturers than in the previous year.

XXII.—Village, Talook, and Huzoor Accounts.

23. These are reported to be in a satisfactory state.

XXIII.—Lands acquired by Public Servants.

24. No new acquisitions reported to this department.

XXIV.—Conduct of Public Servants.

25. Nothing particular to say in this respect.

XXV.—Management of Palcondah and Honjeram estates.

26. The annual report of the Agent of the renters, Mr. Mackie, together with the prescribed Accounts marked A. and B., are herewith submitted. It will be seen that like other parts of the district, these estates also suffered from want of rain, but from precautions taken, the results have been pretty favorable.

27. The following Statement shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of these estates for the two last years:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.				Fusly 1278.				Comparison between Columns 3 and 7.	
	Villages.	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.	Villages.	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS.	RS.
Ryotwar.	170	1,48,549 4 0	1,47,769 0 6	780 3 6	170	1,49,178 3 10	1,47,639 14 9	1,538 5 1	629	...
Jodi......	93	7,622 1 5	7,622 1 5	... ...	93	7,622 1 5	7,622 1 5	... ...	...	...
Tuccavy.	...	138 0 0	138 0 0	... ...	...	141 0 0	141 0 0	... ...	3	...
Total...	263	1,56,309 5 5	1,55,529 1 11	780 3 6	263	1,56,941 5 3	1,55,403 0 2	1,538 5 1	632	...

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28. Of the demand of Rupees 1,56,941-5-3, Rupees 1,55,403-0-2 were collected within the fusly, leaving a balance of Rupees 1,538-5-1 outstanding. The increase in the settlement is small in comparison with the previous year, being only Rupees 632.

29. The following shows the extent of the cultivated area for the same period, being an increase in the year of 98 acres:—

No.	Name of Produce.	Land in Fusly 1277.	Land in Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
		ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
1.	Sugar-cane	381	390	9	......
2.	Paddy	9,085	8,825	......	260
3.	Indigo	1,271	1,473	202	......
4.	Cotton	......	......	......	......
5.	Other grains	2,306	2,453	147	......
	Total...	13,043	13,141	358	260
	Net Increase.	......	......	98	......

30. The outlay on Maramut was Rupees 3,291-6-7 or Rupees 782-1-4 below that of the previous year. Of the foregoing amount, Rupees 2,364-5-0 were spent on repairs to old irrigation works, and Rupees 927-1-7 on new irrigation and other works.

31. As usual, I have had no complaint against the management of the renters, which is in every respect satisfactory.

VIZAGAPATAM,
18th August 1869.

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN,
Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

GODAVERY.

I HAVE the honour to submit my Report on the Settlement of the Godavery District for Fusly 1278, together with the usual Statements.

2. As directed by Government, in their Proceedings, dated 17th June 1868, No. 1707, communicated with the Board's Proceedings, dated 20th June 1868, No. 4,593, the Sub-Collector's charge now consists of the Rajahmundry, Peddupur and Yernagudem Talooks; the Head Assistant Collectors of the Ellore and Tanuku Talooks and the Deputy Collectors on general duties of the Narsapur and Undi Talooks. The Undi Talook, in the Deputy Collector's range, is now called the "Bhimaverum Talook," as ordered by Government, in their Proceedings, dated 9th April 1869, No. 975.

Statement No. 1.

3. This Statement shows the stations where, and the officers by whom, the settlement of each talook was conducted, as well as the number of days taken in doing the work and the number of puttahs issued.

4. I settled the Talooks of Ramachendrapur and Amalapur under my immediate charge, and the three Divisional Officers have settled the talooks of their own respective charges.

5. The settlement of each talook was made within its own limits and at places convenient to the ryots.

6. The annexed Statement shows the variations, number of villages and tenures.

Tenures.	Number of villages for Fusly 1277.	Number of villages for Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ryotwar...	931	941	10	...
Rents for more than one year......	33	33	...	...
Rents for one year...	10	...	...	10
Villages paying no revenue to Government ...	3	3	...	...
Total Government villages...	977	977	10	10
Kuttubady Agraharams...	90	90	...	...
Sarva Agraharams	47	47	...	...
Total...	1,114	1,114	10	10

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The number of Government and Inam villages for the current year is the same as that for the past year. The Government Ryotwar villages for Fusly 1278 are 941, while they were for Fusly 1277, 931. The increase is therefore 10, and is owing to the transfer of these villages from rents for one year in last year to joint rents in the present year.

The decrease of 10 villages under rents for one year is due to the above cause.

7. The number of Puttahs for the current year is 54,698, of which, joint and single rent Puttahs are 155, and the remaining 54,543 are Ryotwar Puttahs. This number is about the same as that in the previous fusly. Of this number 48,710 are fresh puttahs, old ones modified by additional entries are 2,782, and those not at all altered are 3,051. The number of new Puttahs issued this year is much larger, because in Fusly 1278, bound and stitched Puttahs as directed in the Board's Proceedings* were issued to all ryots whose assessments exceed 10 Rupees each. The Puttahs modified and remaining unaltered are those bearing assessments below 10 Rupees.

* 3rd January 1868, No. 12.

Season.

8. The season was on the whole an unfavourable one. In April and May there was a very little rain. In June and July the rain was abundant throughout the district. The Godavery received high freshes as usual. From August till November there was but very little rain. The North-east monsoon was an entire failure. The total extent of land cultivated with wet and dry crops was very nearly equal to the extent cultivated in Fusly 1277. Wet crops under the Anicut channels yielded fully, dry crops as well as wet crops under rain-fed tanks in the upland talooks have generally failed from want of rain; dry crops in the delta talooks have also suffered to a great extent from the same cause; but this loss has been compensated to some extent by the average out-turn of the second or Summer dry crops, such as Bengal gram, Black and Green gram, Cotton, Coriander, Fenigreek, &c.

The dry crops irrigated by anicut water have yielded a fair return.

The second dry crops raised in the land irrigated for first crop were very good. Tobacco cultivation in the lunkas was productive and remunerative.

Second or Dalwa cultivation was carried on under those anicut channels which were open.

Rain-fall.

9. The following Statement exhibits the average fall of rain as compared with Fusly 1277 :—

Years.	Months.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase or Decrease.	
		IN.	C.	IN.	C.	IN.	C.
1868	April...	...	42	...	61	+ ...	19
,,	May ...	1	20	...	75	— ...	45
,,	June...	2	97	9	62	+ 6	65
,,	July ...	4	18	8	11	+ 3	93
,,	August	6	3	3	75	— 2	28
,,	September	5	14	4	30	— ...	84
	Total...	19	94	27	4	+ 7	10
,,	October	8	13	1	5	— 7	8
,,	November	...	72	...	12	— ...	60
,,	December	...	15	...	...	— ...	15
1869	January	...	...	...	5	+ ...	5
,,	February	...	...	...	3	+ ...	3
,,	March	...	5	...	52	+ ...	47
	Total...	9	5	1	77	7	28
	Grand Total...	28	99	28	81	— ...	18

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The total fall during the year is below that of the previous year by about one-sixth of an inch.

Sanitary condition.

10. The sanitary state of the district was remarkably good. There was no Cholera any where in the district. Small-pox and Measels continued in all parts of it throughout the year. Fever and Ague prevailed to some extent in parts, but not of a virulent type.

The annexed Statement shows the number of persons attacked with, and deceased from the above diseases, in comparison with the number for the preceding year.

Description of diseases.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Attacked.	Died.	Attacked.	Died.	Attacked.	Died.	Attacked.	Died.
Cholera... ...	627	324	......	......	......	......	627	324
Small-pox ...	8,037	2,154	5,538	1,165	......	......	2,499	989
Fever	32,825	15,209	28,789	6,955	......	......	4,036	8,254
Total...	41,489	17,687	34,327	8,120	......	......	7,162	9,567

Deaths are mentioned in this Statement according to the Returns obtained through the Death Registration Department. Cattle Murrain was prevalent in the district as usual. The mortality was more fatal than in the past year, as mentioned in the following Statement. Much of this mortality was due to deficiency of pasturage and water; from which last cause, the population also suffered much inconvenience.

Fuslies.	Number of cattle died.
1277...	17,364
1278...	23,580

Statement No. 2.

11. In this Statement, the average prices of the chief agricultural products in each talook and in the district, are shown. The prices of all articles therein mentioned have risen higher in the present, than in the past year, as shown in column 7 of the Comparative Statement therein annexed. The per centage of price of each article ranges between 23 and 34 higher, as appears from column 8. The rise in the prices of these products is chiefly due to the unfavourable outturn of crops in Fusly 1278 and to the demand for explanation. These articles were carried from Cocanada and Rajahmundry markets in great quantities by carts to certain parts of the Vizagapatam District, where the crops were totally lost by the entire failure of the north-east monsoon.

Statement No. 3—Ryots' holdings.

12. In this Statement, Ryots' holdings and cultivation are exhibited.

The following is an abstract, showing in one view the holdings at the beginning of the year, the subsequent changes, and the waste remitted and charged :—

Items.	Area.		Assessment.		
	A.	C.	RS.	A.	P.
Holdings at the beginning of Fusly 1278	6,69,340	...	13,43,031	0	0
Deduct land given up	70,375	...	1,62,391	0	0
Remaining...	5,98,965	...	11,80,640	0	0
Add land taken up	64,197	...	1,89,571	0	0
Total...	6,63,162	...	13,70,211	0	0
Deduct waste remitted...	2,169	...	4,763	0	0
Remainder...	6,60,993	...	13,65,448	0	0
Particulars.					
Actually cultivated	4,59,914	...	11,46,742	0	0
Waste charged	2,01,079	...	2,18,706	0	0

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13. Particulars of land given up and taken up, are given below :—

	Particulars of land given up.	Acres.	Rupees.
1	By the conversion of dry lands into wet, and permanently classed as such, under paragraph 2 of the Water-tax Rules, issued with Government Proceedings, dated 31st October 1865, No. 2,665...	18,819	56,399
2	By the transfer of lands erroneously classified as wet in the accounts to the head "Dry" under the Board's Orders, dated 26th March 1867, No. 1,907	158	533
3	Lands which became useless or appropriated for public purposes and given in exchange for lands taken up for those purposes ...	409	1,830
4	By abatement in the shist of certain joint-rent villages	....	61
5	Backyards assessed by the Revenue Settlement Department as Zirayati, but enfranchised subsequently by the Inam Commissioner as Inams	157	623
6	By the transfer of lands from one ryot to another by sale or gift........	5,281	13,934
7	Zirayati lands sold for arrears of Land Revenue and purchased by both the Government and private individuals........	604	1,356
8	Extent and assessment erroneously over-included in the accounts of Fusly 1277 and now excluded........	169	190
9	By the correction of survey areas	134	320
10	Lands actually resigned	44,644	87,145
	Total...	70,375	1,62,391
	Particulars of land taken up.		
1	By the conversion of dry land into wet and permanently classed as such under paragraph 2 of the Water-tax Rules, issued with the Government Proceedings, 31st October 1865, No. 2,666......	18,819	56,399
2	By the change of Wet lands erroneously classed as such in the accounts into Dry, under Board's Orders, dated 26th March 1867, No. 1,907	158	533
3	By the transfer of villages under single rents into joint-rents.....	417	145
4	By the transfer of Lanka lands under annual rents to Ryotwar having been newly assessed........	6,790	45,649
5	By incorporation with Zirayati, certain Inams under Inam Commissioner's orders	34	112
6	Uncultivated wet lands under occupation of ryots for which remission was granted, and which were excluded from the holdings of Fusly 1277	5,607	14,385
7	By the transfer of lands from one ryot to another	5,281	13,934
8	Zirayati lands purchased by private individuals in sales for arrears of revenue........	120	407
9	By the correction of survey areas	148	341
10	Extent and assessment erroneously excluded from the accounts of Fusly 1277 and now included........	196	316
11	Lands actually taken up	26,627	57,350
	Total...	64,197	1,89,571

14. Rupees 4,763 were remitted on 2,169 acres of wet land, which was left waste from deficiency of water in the tanks in the upland portion of the district.

15. The 2,01,079 acres of waste charged were left uncultivated by the ryots, and held for fallow and pasture. The greater portion of this land is dry, and in the jungle tracts of the district where the assessments are very low.

16. The annexed Statement shows the cultivation and Settlement of the current year in comparison with that of the preceding year; remission as per Statement No. 4, being deducted and Miscellaneous items as per Statement No. 5, added.

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Items.	Last Fusly.		Present Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	Acres.	RS. A. P.	Acres.	RS. A. P.	Acres.	RS.	Acres.	RS.
Dry	4,57,036	7,42,160 2 1	4,38,505	7,26,543 3 7	....	....	18,531	15,617
Wet	2,12,304	6,00,870 12 6	2,22,488	6,38,905 2 6	10,184	38,034	....	....
Total...	6,69,340	13,43,030 14 7	6,60,993	13,65,448 6 1	....	22,417	8,347	....
Add—								
Second crop assessment	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Additional assessment	....	1,739 15 3	....	1,745 13 2	....	6	....	....
Water-tax	....	8,51,099 9 6	....	8,17,004 12 0	....	....	....	34,095
Road Fund	....	45,021 5 2	....	40,460 7 2	....	....	....	4,561
Village Service Fund	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total...	....	8,97,860 13 11	....	8,59,211 0 4	....	....	....	38,650
Deduct Remissions—								
Road Fund	....	71,545 1 5	....	67,126 11 10	....	....	....	4,418
Village Service Fund	....	250 8 0	....	33,029 13 3	....	32,779	....	....
Other remissions as particularized in Statement No. 4	....	2,713 9 6	....	19,541 4 5	....	16,827	....	....
Total...	....	74,509 2 11	....	1,19,697 13 6	....	45,188	....	....
Remaining beriz	....	21,66,382 9 7	....	21,04,961 8 11	....	....	....	61,421
Add miscellaneous items as particularized in Statement No. 5	....	10,50,263 15 10	....	9,62,329 11 9	....	....	....	87,934
Total...	....	32,16,646 9 5	....	30,67,291 4 8	....	....	....	1,49,355

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17. It will be seen from the above Statement that the whole land under Ryots' occupation in the current year is 6,60,993 acres assessed at Rupees 13,65,448, exclusive of waste remitted and inclusive of waste charged. It shows an increase in the assessment and a decrease in the area as contrasted with those of the previous year. This arose from the newly and permanently assessed lunka lands, whose area is small and assessment comparatively heavy, having been taken up, and from ordinary lands, whose area and assessment are not so, having been given up. Certain lanka lands which were annually rented out and included under miscellaneous up to last year have been permanently assessed by the Settlement Department, and included under Ryotwar in Fusly 1278.

18. The decrease of 18,531 acres in the area of dry land is owing to its being permanently classed as wet by its having been cultivated as such successively for three years from Fusly 1276, and included under wet area. The increase in the area appears to be 10,184 ; it would have been larger had it not been for the great extent of wet land relinquished.

19. There is a decrease of Rupees 34,895 in the Water-tax on Ryotwary lands. The ryots not having irrigated their dry lands to such extent as in last year, is the principle cause for this decrease.

20. In the item of Road Cess, there is a decrease of Rupees 4,561. It is owing partly to the decrease in Water Cess, and partly to a large amount of assessment on Lunka lands, which were rented out for higher rates having been charged with it in last year, while the low assessments of these lands classified by the Settlement Department were charged this year.

The decrease of Rupees 4,418 in the item of Road Cess under deductions, is chiefly due to the same cause as that mentioned in paragraph — for decrease in the cess under additions.

21. The amount of Village Service Fund is Rupees 32,779 above that of the previous fusly, which was only Rupees 250. This sum was deducted from Land Revenue Beriz for payment to the village servants on account of their money allowances for Fuslies 1277 and 1278 under the instructions of the Board of Revenue, in their Circular Memorandum, dated — March 1869, No. 238.

22. The particulars of other remissions in Statement No. 4 and of miscellaneous items in Statement No. 5 are fully detailed in paragraphs 28 to 45.

Principal sources of Irrigation.

23. The subjoined Statement exhibits the principal sources of irrigation, the area of circar ayacut and cultivation under such irrigation works with the Assessment and Water-tax for Fusly 1278.

Sources of Irrigation.	Ayacut.					Cultivation.											
	Extent.		Assessment.			Extent.		Assessment.			Water-tax.			Total.			
	ACRES.	C.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	C.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Anicut channels... ...	2,87,901	55	6,80,550	12	11	1,93,357	0	4,96,076	2	8	7,95,850	1	4	12,91,926	4	0
Other channels such as Mountain streams ...	8,974	55	58,627	10	2	6,732	50	48,711	12	11	....	...	...	48,711	12	11
Tanks	65,856	17	1,93,231	0	9	44,226	94	1,39,874	10	8	....	...	...	1,39,874	10	8
Wells	289	82	1,093	0	6	194	68	721	6	0	....	...	...	721	6	0
Total...	3,62,524	59	9,28,502	8	4	2,44,511	12	6,85,384	0	8	7,95,850	1	4	14,81,234	1	7

Ruined tanks.

24. No ruined tanks were made over to ryots during the year under report.

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Enclosure B. in Statement 3, cultivation of Sugar-cane, Cotton, and Indigo

25. In this Statement, the cultivation of Sugar-cane, Cotton and Indigo is shown for the current year as compared with the past.

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
Sugar-cane	6,983	6,694	....	289
Cotton	17,445	24,563	7,118	....
Indigo	357	1,080	723	....

26. The decrease in the extent of land cultivated with Sugar-cane is chiefly in the Peddapur Talook, where it was impeded by a deficiency of water in the Yeleru channels.

27. The increase in the Cotton and Indigo cultivation is owing to the facilities afforded to the ryots by the scarcity of rains and to the enhanced prices of the articles.

Statement No. 4.

28. This Statement shows the particulars of remissions from the gross assessment. They amount to Rupees 19,541, which exceed the last year's remission by Rupees 16,828.

29. Of the remissions entered in the Statement, those granted for loss of produce and withered crops are large, viz., Rupees 11,762 and 7,371 respectively. In the upland parts of the Ellore, Yernagudem, Rajahmundry, Peddupur and Ramachendrapur Talooks, the crops having been destroyed from deficiency of water in tanks by the entire failure of the North-east monsoon rains, they were allowed upon careful inquiry. The items, in which there are decreases are of a fluctuating character, and require no explanation.

Rupees 145 are on account of Land Revenue collections remitted from a village in the Ellore Talook, to the Talook Treasury. They were lost on the way by the carelessness of a village servant, who was in charge of them, and who has no means to make good of it. The amount was therefore remitted and shown in the Statement.

Rupees 8, the assessment of some Zirayati which was experimentally cultivated with Carolina paddy were remitted, as it was promised by Mr. Master, the late Acting Collector.

In the Yernagudem Talook, the Sub-Collector granted a remission of Rupees 7, the assessment of a Ryot's Zirayati land temporarily occupied by the Department of Public Works for establishing a lime kiln.

Statement No. 5.

30. This Statement shows the demand, collection and balance of Land Revenue miscellaneous items for Fusly 1278, as well as the collections made on account of current demand and arrears.

31. The nature of each item and particulars of the mode of settlement are given in a separate memorandum appended to the above Statement. There being some other items besides those given in the Statement, they are exhibited under the head "Other Items," and the particulars thereof, are shown in the explanatory Memorandum.

32. In the enclosure attached to the Statement, the various rates of water-cess imposed on Government Zirayati, Zemindary and Inam lands are given. Of all the items of the current demand mentioned in the Statement, the following bear variations on comparison with those of the past year, calling for particular explanation.

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No.	Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1	Tax on trees in Ashalminha lands... ...	9,601	10,502	901	....
2	Land cultivated but not included in the Jummahbundy...	14,917	17,701	2,784	....
3	Revenue from sequestered Inams... ...	1,291	4,454	3,163	....
4	Savings and refunds...	1,128	1,624	496	....
5	Water-tax on Zemindary and Inam, &c. lands...	5,63,741	5,87,308	23,567	....
6	Other items...	9,201	33,959	24,758	....
7	Jodi and Quit-rent on sundry Personal Inams...	1,49,541	1,48,866	....	675
8	Cultivation of Poramboke lands... ...	27,808	24,798	....	3,010
9	Rents of unassessed Lankas in the beds of rivers...	2,25,876	88,600	....	1,37,276
10	Commission on the sale of distrained property attached for arrears of land revenue...	758	609	....	149
11	Do. on private estates under Circar management...	116	9	....	107
12	Quit-rent on Bungalows and Gardens ...	347	337	....	10

33. The increase of Rupees 901 in the first item is owing to a certain number of fruit trees which were young and not fruit-bearing up to the last year, having yielded fruit and been rented out in the current year.

34. The increase of Rupees 2,784 in the second item is due to a larger extent of Government Zirayati having been occupied on durkhast subsequent to the Jummahbundy on condition of paying assessment for Fusly 1278.

35. There is an increase of Rupees 3,163 in the third item. It is owing to the past proceeds held under deposit on account of certain Inams under attachment having been ordered by the Inam Commissioner to be credited to Government, those Inams having been either made over to the Inamdars or incorporated with Government Zirayati.

36. The increase of Rupees 496 in the fourth item is attributable to the sale of the bound and stitched Puttah and Receipt books, and their value being credited under the head of "Savings and Refunds," subordinate to Land Revenue Miscellaneous, as directed in the Board's Proceedings, dated 14th March 1866, No. 1,749.

37. The large increase of Rupees 23,567 in the fifth item, is owing chiefly to a larger extent of Zemindary and Inam lands irrigated for wet crops in this than in the past year, and to a great extent of such lands having been classed as permanent wet, the conditions specified in the Water-tax Rules, sanctioned by Government, in their Proceedings dated 31st October 1865, No. 2,665, having been fulfilled.

38. In the aggregate amount of "other items," there is an increase of Rupees 24,758. It is due partly to the Water-tax on the second crop of the previous fusly having been charged in the current year and included in the present accounts, and partly to the Water-tax imposed for the previous years on the wet lands classed as such in this year. This classification which should have been made in Fusly 1276, was delayed in Narsapur and Bhimaverum Talooks, owing to the non-attendance of the Zemindary Curnums.

39. In the "Other Items," the Tirwajasty or additional assessment levied on Inams, Punjah, viz., Rupees 587 is included. Certain lands classed as Punjah under tanks, having been cultivated by their holders with wet crops by irrigation from the tanks, the difference of the Survey and Settlement rate between the Dry and Wet land of the same class and sort has been

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charged as Tirwajasty and included in the accounts. In this district, no second crop assessment was ever realized on one crop Nunjah under tanks or mountain streams ; second crop Water-tax is levied for the use of anicut water to the second crop cultivation on Nunjah Inam lands, as all lands in the delta talooks were assessed by the Settlement Department with rates on the land only irrespective of irrigation. The Water-tax charged within the fusly is included in the amount* of Water-tax on Zemindary and Inam lands in Statement No. 5. The subject of the additional assessment is noticed here, as directed by the Board, in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings, dated 31st March 1869, No. 2,070.

* Rupees 5,87,308.

40. The decrease of Rupees 675 in the seventh item is owing to the reductions made in the quit-rent of minor Inams according to the alterations made by the Inam Commissioner in the title-deeds to the relinquishment of Inams by the Inamdars and to the quit-rent demanded in Fusly 1277 for the previous years from the date of the issue of the title-deeds on Inams, whose holders did not first agree to the quit-rent and afterwards agreed to it, being greater than that demanded in Fusly 1278.

41. There is a decrease of Rupees 3,010 in the eighth item, and is due to the smaller area of Poramboke lands, such as Cattle paths, &c., cultivated surreptitiously in this year than in the preceding.

42. A large decrease exists in the ninth item, viz., Rupees 1,37,276. This is due to the following causes, viz :—

1st.—To reduction in the assessment of certain lunkas which were assessed for Fusly 1278, at the new Survey and Settlement rates and included under Ryotwar.

2ndly.—Certain Lunkahs unassessed not having been rented out for Fusly 1278, no applicants or bidders having come forward offering sufficient rents for them because the Tobacco crop on the Lunka lands was bad and its prices had fallen off in Fusly 1277.

3rdly.—To the decrease in the rents of certain Lunkas in consequence of the abovementioned cause.

43. The decrease of Rupees 149 in the 10th item or commission on the sale of distrained property for arrears of land revenue is due to the payment of revenue by the ryots, &c., more punctually than in the preceding year.

44. The decrease of Rupees 107 in the eleventh item, is in consequence of the commission for Fusly 1276 on the Lakaveram estate which was then under the management of the Court of Wards, having been brought to account in Fusly 1277, while nothing was credited on that account in Fusly 1278, as the estate was made over to the proprietor in Fusly 1277, and of the commission charged on an estate called Vella which is under Circar management by the Court's Order not having been credited to the Government Account within the fusly.

45. In the last or 12th item, the decrease of Rupees 10 is owing to a piece of land occupied at Cocanada by Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co., paying an annual quit-rent of 10 rupees, having been redeemed in Fusly 1278—*Vide* Government Order, dated 1st May 1869, No. 1,195, communicated with the Board's Proceedings, dated 10th idem, No. 3188.

Statement No. 6.

46. In this Statement, each permanently settled estate and each Inam and single rented village in the district, with its demand, collection and balance both of arrear and current is shewn.

47. The only variation which appears in this Statement on comparison with the past fusly is in the number of the villages rented for one year and in its revenue. The decrease of ten in the number and the decrease of Rupees 164 in the revenue, is due to their having been rented out for Fusly 1278 to the villagers under joint rents, as explained in paragraph 6 of this Report.

48. The amount of Rupees 395-11-9 entered in column 5 of Statement No. 6, under the total of Shrotriem villages, is over-collection on account of jody and quit-rent of certain Shrotriem villages in Tanuku Talook. The fact as to how this excess has arisen, will be inquired into, and due notice will be taken of it in the course of the current fusly.

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Statement No. 7.

49. This Statement shows the demand, collection and balance of all sources of revenue both current and arrear.

The annexed is an abstract exhibiting the whole revenue demand as compared with that of Fusly 1277.

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Peishcush on permanently settled estates	7,37,667	7,37,667	......	......
Jody and Quit-rent on Shrotriem and Inam villages.	30,335	30,339	4	......
Ryotwar	21,66,383	21,04,961	......	61,422
Miscellaneous...	10,50,264	9,62,330	......	87,934
Sale of waste lands, etc.	....	1,330	1,330	......
Total...	39,84,649	38,36,627	1,334	1,49,356
Net Decrease...	....	....	......	1,48,022
Sundry sources of Revenue.				
Abkarry	1,86,316	2,09,257	22,941	......
License-tax	28,823	36,647	7,824	......
Salt	4,38,629	4,52,269	13,640	......
Sea Customs	82,331	96,293	13,962	......
Land Customs...	1,893	935	......	958
Stamps...	1,70,394	1,96,329	25,935	......
Total...	9,08,386	9,91,730	84,302	958
Net Increase..	....	....	83,344	......
Grand Total...	48,93,035	48,28,357	85,636	1,50,314
Net Decrease..	....	....	......	64,678

50. There is neither increase nor decrease in the demand of Peishcush.

51. There is a small increase of Rupees 4 in Jody and Quit-rent. This has occurred by alterations made by the Inam Commissioner in several Title-deeds.

52. With regard to the decrease of Rupees 61,422 under Ryotwar, and of Rupees 87,934 under Miscellaneous—*Vide* my remarks in paragraphs 19, 21, and 33 to 45, under Statement Nos. 3 to 5.

53. The increase of Rupees 22,941 in Abkarry Revenue is owing to the Abkarry of the whole district for Fusly 1278 having been rented out to Sub-renters at enhanced rates by Government Officers, it having been kept under Government management, while in the preceding year each talook was taken by Contractors at public sale.

54. The License-tax realized in Fusly 1277 under Acts Nos. XXI. and XXIV. of 1867 was Rupees 28,823, and that realized in Fusly 1278 under Act No. IX. of 1868 is Rupees 36,667 which includes Rupees 804 collected in the months of May and June 1869, under the Indian Income-tax Act IX. of 1869. The increase is therefore Rupees 7,824, and is attributable to the provisions and rates of assessments laid down in the Act No. IX. of 1868 being different from those prescribed in the Acts which were in force in the preceding year.

55. There is a net increase of Rupees 13,640 in the Salt revenue, which resulted from a gross increase of Rupees 31,746 in the sales for home consumption and from a gross decrease of Rupees 18,106 in the sales for Inland consumption and for exportation, &c. The former is owing to the purchase of a greater quantity of salt in the current year than in the past, under the head of Home consumption. Most part of it was taken to Dumagudem and other parts of the Upper

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Godavery for sale at profitable rates, as the dealers are at liberty to do so. The latter is due to the purchase of a smaller quantity than usual of salt for Inland consumption by Brinjaries.

56. The increase of Rupees 13,962 in the Sea Customs is due to the exportation of a large quantity of Rice, Paddy, Bengal-gram, and Gingelly seed to Columbo, Jaffna, London, and France, and to the importation of a greater quantity of Wines and Spirits in the current year than in the past.

57. There is a decrease of Rupees 958 in the Land Customs. It is owing to a smaller quantity of Wines and Spirits passed from Yanam into British Territory in this than in the past year. I suspect that the true explanation of this is increased smuggling.

58. The increase of Rupees 25,935 in the Stamp duty is chiefly attributable to the renewal of the Abkarry Leases for Fusly 1278, the former Leases for the five preceding years having expired by the end of Fusly 1277.

59. The following Abstract marked B. shows the collections of the Land Revenue inclusive of all other sources current and arrear as compared with those of Fusly 1277.

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrear.	Current.	Total.	Arrear.	Current.	Total.		
Land Revenue	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled ...	20,648	6,93,857	7,14,505	39,823	7,13,910	7,53,733	39,228	......
Jody on Shrotriem, etc., villages	1,681	28,325	30,006	1,999	29,420	31,419	1,413	......
Ryotwar	36,081	21,33,703	21,69,784	3,00,658	20,67,538	20,98,196	......	71,588
Miscellaneous items	59,510	8,90,411	9,49,921	92,185	8,03,105	8,95,290	......	54,631
Sale of waste lands, &c. ...	......	......	......	......	1,330	1,330	1,330	......
Total...	1,17,920	37,46,296	38,64,216	1,64,665	36,15,303	37,79,968	41,971	1,26,219
Net Decrease...	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	84,248
Abkarry	10,234	1,85,063	1,95,297	1,253	2,00,338	2,01,591	6,294	.... .
Income-tax ...	......	......	......	......	804	804	804	......
License-tax ...	......	28,823	28,823	......	35,843	35,843	7,020	......
Salt	......	4,38,629	4,38,629	......	4,52,269	4,52,269	13,640	......
Sea Customs ...	......	82,331	82,331	......	96,293	96,293	13,962	......
Land Customs ...	......	1,893	1,893	......	935	935	......	958
Stamps	......	1,70,394	1,70,394	......	1,96,329	1,96,329	25,935	......
Grand Total ...	1,28,154	46,53,429	47,81,583	1,65,918	45,98,114	47,64,032	1,09,626	1,27,177
Net Decrease...	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	17,551

60. The increase of Rupees 39,228 and Rupees 1,413 in the collection of Peishcush and Jodi respectively, is due to more punctual payments made by the Proprietors and Inamdars in this than in the last year.

61. The decreases of Rupees 71,588 and Rupees 54,631 in the collection of Ryotwar and Miscellaneous revenue respectively, are chiefly owing to the decrease in the current demand, for reasons already explained.

62. In all the items of sundry sources of revenue mentioned in this Statement except the Abkarry, the amounts brought to account are the Collections, there being no fixed demand for them. The causes explained in paragraphs 54 to 58 are applicable to the increase and decrease in the collections of these items.

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63. For the increase in the Collection of Abkarry Revenue—*Vide* remarks in paragraph 53.

64. The following is an abstract of the Statement No. 7, showing the current Demand, Collection and Balance of all sources of revenue.

Items.	Demand.	Collections within the fusly.	Balance.	Subsequent Collections up to July 1869.	Balance.
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled	7,37,667	7,13,910	23,757	3,129	20,628
Shrotriem Jody	30,339	29,420	919	461	458
Ryotwar	21,04,961	20,67,538	37,423	10,832	26,591
Miscellaneous...	9,62,330	8,03,105	1,59,225	19,695	1,39,530
Sale, Waste lands, etc.	1,330	1,330	....	....	......
Total Land Revenue...	38,36,627	36,15,303	2,21,324	34,117	1,87,207
Sundry sources of revenue...	9,91,730	9,82,811	8,919	4,058	4,861
Grand Total...	48,28,357	45,98,114	2,30,243	38,175	1,92,068

Of the total demand of Rupees 48,28,357, Rupees 45,98,114 were collected within the fusly, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,30,243. This balance has been reduced by subsequent collections in July to Rupees 1,92,068, or little more than 4 per cent. on the demand.

65. Of the balance of Rupees 20,628 under Peishcush, Rupees 1,339 are due by the Proprietor of Billumille and Byunagudem estates; he did not as usual pay the amount for the current year on the ground that he did not cultivate his Zirayati lands to that value, owing to the non-supply of water in consequence of the incomplete repairs made to the Byana Calingulah. Proper inquiries will be made about this in future, and it will be reported in the next Jummahbundy Report. It has been proved by examination on the part of the Engineer and Revenue Departments that the repairs to this Calingulah are not yet such as to ensure the requisite supply of water, and further repairs to ensure this have been sanctioned.

66. A portion of the balances of Peishcush, Jody, Ryotwar, Miscellaneous and Sundry sources of revenue was collected in August, and due measures have been adapted for the realization of the remaining balance.

Statement No. 8.

67. This Statement shows the arrears, demand, collection and balance of all sources of revenue for the years prior to Fusly 1278. The annexed is an abstract of it.

Items.	Demand.	Collection.	Remission.	Balance.	Subsequent collection.	Balance.			
						Recoverable.	Doubtful.	Irrecoverable.	Total.
Land Revenue	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled... ...	47,919	39,823	1,901	6,195	2,196	3,050	....	949	3,999
Jodi of Inam villages... ...	3,213	1,999	877	337	......	112	....	225	337
Ryotwar	53,693	30,658	13,249	9,786	276	4,320	1,849	3,341	9,510
Miscellaneous ...	3,59,269	92,185	35,619	2,31,465	1,263	19,937	2,04,108	6,157	2,30,202
Total Land Revenue	4,64,094	1,64,665	51,646	2,47,783	3,735	27,419	2,05,957	10,672	2,44,048
Abkarry	1,253	1,253	......	....	......	......	....	......	....
Grand Total...	4,65,347	1,65,918	51,646	2,47,783	3,735	27,419	2,05,957	10,672	2,44,048

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68. Of the whole balance of Rupees 4,65,347 outstanding at the commencement of Fusly 1278, Rupees 1,65,918 were collected, and Rupees 51,646 were remitted during the fusly, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,47,783 which was reduced to Rupees 2,44,048 by subsequent collections up to the end of July last. This amount has been classed as Recoverable, Doubtful, and Irrecoverable.

69. Of the recoverable balance of Rupees 3,050, under permanently settled, Rupees 2,659 are outstanding on the Tejajempudi estate, which was attached for arrears of Peishcush and kept under Government management under the Orders of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th June 1867, No. 3,784. This balance is in course of liquidation and the remaining balance of Rupees 390-3-11 is due by the proprietor of Lakaveram estate. He withheld payment of this balance, as well as Rupees 948-12-1 included under irrecoverable balance in consequence of the non-repairs to the Byana Calingulah. From a careful enquiry made with regard to the lands not cultivated from want of water owing to the non-completion of the repairs to the Byana Calingulah, I have determined that only Rupees 948-12-1 should be remitted to the proprietor, and Rupees 390-3-11 classed as recoverable should be collected from him; I have issued orders to the effect of its being realized soon. The arrears classed as recoverable under Shrotriem, Jodi, Ryotwar and Miscellaneous amounting to Rupees 24,369, which accrued from Fusly 1272, will be collected shortly; steps have been taken for the speedy realization of this balance.

70. Of the doubtful balance of Rupees 1,849 under Ryotwar, a portion will be collected, and as for the rest, enquiry will be made in the ensuing Jummahbundy time, and it will be disposed of either as recoverable or irrecoverable, according to circumstances.

The doubtful balance under Miscellaneous is Rupees 2,04,108; of which Rupees 1,90,000 are on account of Water-tax charged up to Fusly 1274 on Mamul Pallam Service Inam and Zemindary lands. The collection of this was suspended under the Orders of the Board of Revenue, in their Proceedings, dated 5th July 1864, No. 4,174, pending enquiry and settlement as to whether they are really Mamul Pallam or not, and the enfranchisement of Service Inams in Government villages when the new system of village establishments may be brought into operation in this district. The remaining 14,000 rupees are in all the talooks, steps will be taken for their being carefully enquired into, and classed as Recoverable or Irrecoverable in the next Jummahbundy.

71. Rupees 10,671-7-0 were classed as Irrecoverable, for the following causes and particulars:—

		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Permanently settled.	Outstanding on the estates of Billumilli and Byanagudem, the Proprietrix having withheld payment as usual in consequence of the non-completion of repairs to Byana Calingulah	......	...	...	948	12	1
Shrotriem Jodi.	Quit-rent on Inams occupied under anicut channels	14	5	4			
	Do. incorporated with Zirayati in Shrotriem villages	24	4	0			
	Amount included in the demand of quit-rent up to Fusly 1277, on account of "State expenses," viz. Shroff russums, Zilledari russums. These being beyond what is entered as quit-rent in the Title-deed or Quit-rent Registers, the collection of such "State expenses" was prohibited in the Boards Circular Order, dated 7th July 1859, No. 2,656, and in the Inam Commissioner's letter, dated 4th September 1868, No. 434	92	10	4			
	Quit-rent over-demanded for fuslies prior to the years in which title-deeds were issued. This charge was prohibited by the Inam Commissioner in his letter of the 28th March 1866, No. 359	93	11	4			
					224	15	0

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		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Ryotwar and Miscellaneous.	Due by deceased ryots, etc. who have no property	434	13	11			
	Due by those who absconded having no property or holdings	478	15	2			
	Due by the poor ryots whose property and lands having been already sold for arrears	4,520	3	10			
	Shist and Water-tax of Zirayati and Inam lands taken up by anicut channels, etc.	98	4	0			
					5,532	4	11
	Amount over-demanded viz. in ryotwar	292	10	11			
	In tax on trees on unassessed lands	85	11	0			
	In Shist and Water-tax on Ashalminah and Waste lands surreptitiously cultivated	607	6	1			
	In Water-tax on Government Zirayati Inam and Zemindary lands	1,319	7	9			
	In Quit-rent on Personal Inams, agreeably to the Inam Commissioner's orders	207	2	8			
					2,512	6	5
	Assessment of Zirayati and Quit-rent of Inams washed away by the Godavery	......	...	...	228	11	1
	Shist of Zirayati lands reduced by the correction of Survey area	......	...	...	64	0	11
	Water-tax charged on lands first classed as wet and afterwards altered into dry	......	...	...	353	3	5
	Quit-rent of Inams incorporated with Zirayati in Ryotwar villages	......	...	...	106	3	1
	Water-tax charged on Inams which have been exempted from Water-tax, they having been altered from dry into wet in the title-deeds	......	...	...	689	10	3
	Shist of Zirayati land taken up for Police Constable's huts	......	...	...	4	14	1
	Water-tax on Zirayati and Inam lands submerged	......	...	...	6	5	9
	Total...	......	...	...	10,671	7	0

72. Under the foregoing explanation, I request sanction for writing off the accounts the arrears, amounting to Rupees 10,671-7-0.

73. The Enclosure A, in Statement No. 8, shows the extent to which coercive process was employed in the collection of revenue in Fusly 1278. Processes were issued in 361 villages against 1,603 defaulters, for the recovery of Rupees 65,785. The value of the property attached amounted to Rupees 48,481. The value of the property sold was Rupees 11,662; of which Rupees 5,543 were realized by the sale of landed property, and Rupees 6,119 by the sale of moveable property. The amount of Process Service Fund remaining undisbursed to the Batta peons at the beginning of Fusly 1278 was Rupees 648-15-0, and the amount collected during the year was Rupees 3,239-12-0, making a total of Rupees 3,888-11-0, of which the amount paid to the Batta peons, viz. Rupees 3,641-3-0 being deducted, there remained a balance of Rupees 247-8-0 at the end of the fusly. This amount was subsequently paid to the peons.

74. The provisions of the Board's Standing Circular Order, dated 8th January 1869, No. 277, were brought into operation in this district from April 1869. The fees collected for processes issued for the sale of distrained property from April to June was Rupees 9-14-0. Rupees 5-2-0 were paid to the Batta peons during those three months, and the rest was disbursed subsequently. These sums were also included in the above items. The Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th June 1869, No. 4175, cancelled the fourth paragraph of the above quoted Standing Order, and the levy of the fees for selling the distrained property was stopped from 1st July 1869.

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Statement No. 9.

75. This Statement shows the particulars of gross collections and charges under different heads of revenue. The following abstract shows the Receipts and Charges of the year as compared with those of the past, together with their per centage.

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Receipts ...	47,81,582	47,64,031	....	17,551
Charges.				
Management ...	1,58,976	1,62,675	3,699	....
Extra ...	47,561	64,942	17,381	....
Total...	2,06,537	2,27,617	21,080	....
Per centage of charges to receipts...	4·32	4·77	0·25	....

76. The remarks made in paragraphs 61 and 62 for the decrease in collections under Statement No. 7, are applicable to the decrease of Rupees 17,551 in the receipts entered in this Statement.

77. The increase of Rupees 3,699 in the Management charges is the result of a gross increase of Rupees 5,029 and a gross decrease of Rupees 1,330, as particularised below.

Gross increase.

		RS.
1.	Sub-Collector's salary...	1,798
2.	Head Assistant Collector's salary	73
3.	Assistant Collector's salary	1,185
4.	Deputy Collector's salary	1,668
5.	Saderward ...	173
6.	Sea Customs Establishment	132
	Total...	5,029

Gross decrease.

		RS.
7.	Huzoor and Talook Establishments	1,292
8.	Collector's salary	38
	Total...	1,330

The increase in the first item is due to Mr. J. H. Master, as Sub-Collector of the Godavery District, having drawn his salary for three months in the current year, while it was disbursed only for two months in the past year, and Mr. Horsfall, the Acting Sub-Collector of the Godavery District, drew his deputation allowance at 30 per cent. on the salary of the Sub-Collector for Fusly 1278, under the Notification of Government of India, published at page 30 of the *Fort Saint George Gazette*, dated 7th July 1868, No. 4,286, while it was only at 20 per cent. previously.

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The increase of Rupees 73 in the second item is caused by his having received a higher rate of deputation allowance under the above-mentioned notification.

The increase in the third item is owing to Mr. Happell, the Assistant Collector of the Godavery District, having drawn a higher rate of salary* since he had passed the second standard examination.

* Rupees 1,185.

The increase in the fourth item is attributable to the salary† of the Deputy Collector on general duties having been drawn fully for the current year, while it was only for one month in the past.

† Rupees 1,668.

In the fifth item or Saderward, the increase is in various small articles and require no special explanation.

The increase of Rupees 132 in the sixth item is owing to the Sea Custom Peons having drawn their increased rates of salaries fully for the current year, while it was only for 8 months in the preceding year.

The decrease of Rupees 1,292 in the seventh item is owing partly to a saving in the salary of the Ellore Tahsildar, the permanent incumbent having been appointed as Deputy Collector in the Kistna District, and the acting incumbent having received only deputation allowance of 20 per cent. according to the revised rules; and partly to the salary of the permanent Tahsildar of the Narsapur Talook during his absence on sick certificate at Madras for three months in Fusly 1278, not having been drawn in that year.

The decrease of Rupees 38 in the eighth or last item being very small, calls for no explanation.

78. The increase of Rupees 17,381 in the Extra charges is due to the following principal causes :—

To refund of revenue Rupees 1,602, having been forwarded to the Principal Suder Ameen's Court, in Suit No. 3 of 1867, as sanctioned by the Board, in their Proceedings, dated 2nd September 1868, No. 6,277, and Rupees 1,701, the amount of Peishcush for June 1869, having been adjusted on account of Moturfa remission to the Zemindar of the Kottam estate, as mentioned in the Board's Proceedings, dated 5th May 1869, No. 3,023..	2,532
To the extra Tent allowances to the Covenanted Officers, the rates having been raised	496
To Medical charges, the salaries of the Dressers attached to the Collector's and Sub-Collector's Offices having been increased	302
To Contingencies viz. the payment to the Temporary Survey Establishment, sanctioned in the Government Order, dated 8th April 1868, No. 958, for the whole current year, while it was for three months in the past year	570
To Miscellaneous that is partly Law-charges paid to the Government Vakeel fees in Suit No. 3 of 1867 of the Civil Court's file regarding a Godavery Island claimed by the Zemindar of Vizianagram, and partly Telegraph charges to a larger amount than in the past year spent in sending telegrams about the state of the season, as directed by the Board, in their Proceedings, dated 21st November 1868, No. 8,256	935

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Abkarry salaries to the temporary establishment employed, the Abkarry of the district having been kept under Government management—*Vide* Government Order, dated 18th November 1868, No. 2,098, conveyed in the Board's Proceedings of the 25th Idem	3,076
License-tax refunded to parties on Appeals	4,796
On account of Kudiwarum and Storing expenses for a greater quantity of salt manufactured and stored in the present than in the past year	1,659
To the refund of Stamp duty and discount allowed to the vendors, there being an increase in the sale of stamps......	3,055
	17,421
A decrease in the travelling charges of the Salt establishment and in contingencies of the Land Customs Department being deducted, leaves a net increase of Rupees 17,382	40

Statements Nos. 10 and 11.

79. In these Statements the transactions regarding salt are shown.

The following abstract exhibits the receipts and sales of salt.

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Receipts.	In. Mds.	In. Mds.	In. Mds.	In. Mds.
Salt in store at the beginning of the fusly	3,84,246	3,08,451	....	75,795
Salt manufactured and received into store during the year	2,13,855	2,33,839	19,984	....
Total...	5,98,101	5,42,290	19,984	75,795
Sales.				
Home consumption....................................	2,40,408	2,59,210	18,802	....
Inland	18,904	8,760	....	10,144
Exportation..	1,500	....	....	1,500
Sold to the French Government	1,080	720	....	360
Total...	2,61,892	2,68,690	18,802	12,004
Net Increase...	....	....	6,798	....
Remainder...	3,36,209	2,73,600	....	62,609
Deduct wastage written off...	27,758	34,705	6,947	....
Total...	3,08,451	2,38,895	....	69,556

80. There is an increase of 19,984 Indian maunds in the quantity of salt manufactured and received into store. It is owing to the manufacture having been commenced earlier in the current year than in the preceding. The remarks mentioned in paragraph 55 are equally applicable to the net increase of 6,798 Indian maunds in the sale of salt.

81. The wastage of salt specified in column 6 of the Statement No. 11 is 22,760 or 3,691 maunds above that of last year.

This is due to the following causes, viz :—

1stly. To the storage of a great portion of salt in Fusly 1276 having been weighed by the inaccurate old machines and to the disposal of it by more accurate ones in Fusly 1278.

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2ndly. To some of the salt having contained in store for upwards of two years.

3rdly. To there being no competent workman to execute the necessary repairs to the Weighing Machines hitherto.

82. Under the foregoing circumstances, I consider that the wastage is reasonable, and request sanction for writing it off the accounts.

83. No. salt has been imported either by sea or by land during the year under report.

Examination of Talook and Village Accounts.

84. The Talook and Village Manual accounts have been carefully examined and found to be generally correct in all the talooks except in Tanuku, of which the Acting Head Assistant Collector reports very unfavourably both in regard to the Talook and Village Accounts. Due care will be taken for their being correctly prepared in future.

85. The Huzoor Accounts have been correctly and neatly kept.

Register of lands acquired by Public servants.

86. The following abstract shows the number of Public servants who hold lands and the extent thereof.

Items.	Number of servants.	Extent of land.	
		A.	C.
Up to Fusly 1277, as per Register in the last year's Jummahbundy Report.	127	3,992	34
Deduct lands of those deceased and discharged, etc.	9	324	9
Total...	118	3,668	25
Add lands of the servants newly entertained, and those newly acquired by old servants	10	522	88
Total...	128	4,191	13

From the Reports of the Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates, it appears that they hold no lands in their respective talooks except the Tahsildar of Amalapur, who has some Zirayati land in that talook as reported in the last year's Jummahbundy Report.

The Salt and Treasury Deputy Collectors have no Zirayaty or Inam lands in this district The Deputy Collector on general duties holds some salt manufacturing land in Kungodoo, in the Cocanada Division. He acquired it before he was appointed as Deputy Collector in this District.

The Huzoor Sheristadar has, with my knowledge and permission, purchased a garden containing a dwelling house, godowns and fruit trees fenced with a wall, in the village of Palcole, in the Narsapur Talook. The extent of the ground is 4 A. 59 C., and is part of Gramakantham or village site. Considering that there was no objection for his acquisition of what was really a dwelling site and meant to be used as such, I permitted him to do so. As this land will in future be enfranchised by the Inam Commissioner under back-yard tenures, I have included it in the above Register.

D. Narsingarow, late Tahsildar of the Amalapur Talook, at present Acting Sheristadar of the Rajahmundry Talook, has forwarded through the Tahsildar, a Statement showing that 170 acres of land have been purchased by his son Lakshmi Narayanappah, in the Amalapur Talook, in the year 1868, with the money given to him by his late mother. His son being a boy of about 10 or 12 years of age, living under the protection of his father. I have no doubt that it is the property of Narsingarow, and acquired by him when he was Tahsildar of the Amalapur Talook, and in direct contravention of the Board's orders, I have, therefore, included the land in the Register.

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Law Suits.

87. The annexed Statement shows the costs awarded and recovered in Fusly 1278.

Number.	No. and year of the Suit.	Parties against whom the amount of costs are awarded.	Amount of costs awarded. Balance at the begining of the fusly.	Amount charged within the fusly.	Total.	Amount received.	Balance.
			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1	Original Suit No. 304 of 1865, Nursapur District Moonsiff's file.	Plaintiff Vanamadi Lakshmudu.	0 13 2	... ...	0 13 2	... ...	0 13 2
2	Do. do. No. 2 of 1867, Civil Court's file.	Plaintiff Goparaz Padmaraz.	1 1 0	... ...	1 1 0	... ...	1 1 0
3	Appeal Suit No. 321 of 1867, Civil Court's file.	Plaintiff Sir Kotagiri Venkaturamanayagar.	350 7 8	... ...	350 7 8	... ...	350 7 8
4	Original Suit No. 352 of 1867, Peddupur District Moonsiff's file.	Plaintiff Kantepudi Kondaya.	5 1 4	... ...	5 1 4	5 1 4	... ...
5	Do. do. No, 636, of 1867, Coconada District Moonsiff's file.	Paintiff Madabushi Vurdarajasami.	2 12 3	... ...	2 12 3	2 12 3	... ...
6	Small Cause Suit No. 46 of 1868, Cocanada District Moonsiff's file.	3rd Defendant Mr. Charles, alias J. C. Pierrer.	1 1 3	... ...	1 1 3	1 1 3	... ...
7	Do. do. No. 47 of 1868, do.	Plaintiff Mrs. Remmy Pierrer.	2 14 0	... ...	2 14 0	2 14 0	... ...
8	Original Suit No. 49 of 1867, Nursapur District Moonsiff's file.	Plaintiff Mulukutla Venkatachellum.	... ...	13 9 7	13 9 7	... ...	13 9 7
9	Do. do. No. 161, of 1867, Nursapur District Moonsiff's file.	Plaintiffs Juvadi Jayanaikulu and others.	... ...	0 8 0	0 8 0	... ...	0 8 0
10	Do. do. No. 112, of 1868, Cocanada District Moonsiff's file.	Plaintiff Mr. E. DeLinares.	... ...	11 8 6	11 8 6	... ...	11 8 6
11	Do. do. No. 35 of 1867, Principal Sudder Ameen's file.	Plaintiff Adurti Lakshmi Narsimham.	... ...	60 8 0	60 8 0	... ...	60 8 0
12	Do. do. No. 8 of 1868, Civil Court's file.	Plaintiff Kandiny Sangaya.	... ...	6 6 0	6 6 0	... ...	6 6 0
13	Do. do. No. 9 of 1868, Principal Sudder Ameen's file.	Plaintiff The Maha Razah of Vizianagrum.	... ...	42 13 9	42 13 9	42 13 9	... ...
14	Do. do. No. 2 of 1868, Civil Court's file.	Plaintiff Goduvarti Ramanna.	... ...	8 11 6	8 11 6	... ...	8 11 6

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Number.	No. and year of the Suit.	Parties against whom the amount of costs are awarded.	Amount of costs awarded.			Amount received.	Balance.
			Balance at the beginning of the Fusly.	Amount charged within the Fusly.	Total.		
			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
15	Original Suit No. 7 of 1868, Civil Court's file.	Plaintiff Dodda Lukshminarvyna, Manager of the Temple at Bikkole.	... ...	0 10 0	0 10 0	... ...	0 10 0
16	Do. do. No. 9 of 1869, Civil Court's file.	Plaintiff Maddala Subbaroydu.	... ...	1 10 6	1 10 6	1 10 6	... ...
17	Suit No. 46 of 1868, Cocanada District Moonsiff's file.	3rd Defendant Mrs. Charles, alias J. C. Pierrer.	... ...	5 13 0	5 13 0	5 13 0	... ...
		Total...	364 2 8	152 2 10	516 5 6	62 2 1	454 3 5

This balance will be collected from the parties in due course.

Sub-division of joint liability of Share-holders in enfranchised whole Inam villages.

88. No applications have been received for the sub-division of joint holdings in enfranchised whole Inam villages under the Notification contained in the Board's Circular Order, No. XV. of 1868.

Sub-Collector's Report.

89. The Sub-Collector's Report (copy) is herewith submitted.

COCANADA,
8th September 1869.

(Signed) J. FRASER,
Collector.

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honour to submit my Report for Fusly 1278, (1868-69) on the Settlement of the Sub-Division which now consists of the three talooks, Rajahmundry, Peddapur and Yernagudem, under the Orders of Government, dated 7th November 1867, No. 2,639.

2. The following Statement will show the Jummahbundy Stations, the number of puttahs distributed, and the time occupied at each station :—

Talooks.	Stations.	Number of villages settled in each station.	Number of days occupied in each station.	Number of puttahs distributed. Total number of puttahs.	Number of puttahs distributed. Renewed.
Rajahmundry	Gokavaram...	29	8	436	......
	Korukonda...	45	13	1,804	......
	Rajahmundry	20	6	1,002	......
	Total...	94	27	3,242	......
Peddapur	Vadisaleru	14	6	642	......
	Peddapur	30	10	1,379	......
	Lingampanu	112	11	765	......
	Total...	156	27	2,786	......
Yernagudem	Tadimalla	36	14	2,971	......
	Potavaram	43	8	1,003	......
	Polavaram	12	12	136	......
	Total...	91	34	4,110	......
	Grand Total...	341	88	10,138	......

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The Settlement of the three talooks in question was conducted by me within their respective limits, and the total period occupied for the Jummahbundy was 88 days. The total number of puttahs issued was 10,138. All of these are fresh puttahs which were issued in accordance with the Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd January 1868, No. 12.

Variations in the number and tenure of villages.

3. The subjoined Statement shows the tenures under which the villages have been settled:—

Tenures.		Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ryotwar...	Rajahmundry	80	80	....	....
	Peddapur...	144	144	....	....
	Yernagudem	75	84	9	....
	Total...	299	308	9	....
Rents for more than one year.	Rajahmundry... ...	13	13	....	....
	Peddapur	7	7	....	....
	Yernagudem	7	7	....	....
	Total...	27	27	....	....
Rents for one year ...	Rajahmundry... ...	1	1	....	....
	Peddapur	5	5	....	....
	Yernagudem	9	....	....	9
	Total...	15	6	....	9
	Grand Total...	341	341	....	....

The increase under Ryotwar which includes villages taken up under joint rent is owing to nine villages of the Yernagudem Talook held by single individuals up to Fusly 1277 having been taken up in the year under report by the villagers themselves. There is a corresponding decrease under "rents for one year."

Season.

4. The season was anything but favourable. During the first month or two of the fusly, there was a fair fall of rain and the ryots were encouraged thereby to carry on cultivation to the usual extent both of wet and dry crops. From September, however, the rains totally failed and the crops suffered in consequenco. Cotton and Indigo alone gave a fair yield, all other crops gave barely half the average out-turn. The people and cattle more especially suffered severely from drought.

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The tanks having received an insufficient supply, dried up ; drinking water for men and cattle had to be carried from great distances, and wells had to be sunk in places where they were most needed, and proved of the greatest service.

Sanitary Condition.

5. The year proved a very healthy one ; the number of deaths from all causes being only 2,818 as compared with 6,402 of the previous year. Cholera, Small-pox and Fever prevailed, but not to any great extent. The subjoined Statement shows the number of cases occurring, and the deaths from these causes :—

Particulars of diseases.	Talooks.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Comparison.			
						Increase.		Decrease.	
		At-tacked.	Died.	At-tacked.	Died.	At-tacked.	Died.	At-tacked.	Died.
Cholera	Rajahmundry......	12	12	17	9	5	......	......	3
	Peddapur	92	59	10	9	......	......	82	50
	Yernagudem	119	110	46	24	......	......	73	86
	Total...	223	181	73	42	......	......	150	139
Small-pox	Rajahmundry......	63	20	37	11	......	......	26	9
	Peddapur	324	125	127	50	......	......	197	75
	Yernagudem	364	131	726	164	362	33	......	......
	Total...	751	276	890	225	139	......	......	51
Fever, &c.	Rajahmundry......	1,703	1,608	1,282	888	......	......	421	720
	Peddapur	2,474	1,487	2,298	1,346	......	......	176	141
	Yernagudem	3,941	2,850	3,440	317	......	......	501	2,533
	Total...	8,118	5,945	7,020	2,551	......	......	1,098	3,394
	Grand Total...	9,092	6,402	7,983	2,818	......	......	1,109	3,584

The mortality amongst cattle from murrain and epidemic disease as particularized in the subjoined Statement was very severe as compared with that of the last year, being 7,040 against 3,584. This was owing no doubt to the peculiarity of the season and the great scarcity of water and fodder.

Talooks.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.
Rajahmundry, ...	267	659	392
Peddapur	1,730	2,454	724
Yernagudem...	1,587	3,927	2,340
Total...	3,584	7,040	3,456

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Prices.

6. Owing to the partial failure of crops and increased demands for neighbouring districts, there was a general rise of prices as shown in the subjoined Statement :—

	Per Madras Garce.		
	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.
Paddy, 1st sort...	102	119	17
,, 2nd sort...	92	113	21
Rice, 1st sort...	227	262	35
,, 2nd sort...	212	251	39
Cholum ...	107	131	24
Cumboo ...	103	109	6
Raggy ...	100	121	21
Horse-gram ...	113	157	44

7. The following Statement shows the changes which occurred in the Ryots' holdings during the year. The decrease, Acres 1,990, bearing an assessment of Rupees 1,369, is attributable to the favourable nature of the season.

Items.	Extent of land.	Assessment.
Ryots' holdings at the beginning of Fusly 1278 ...	2,58,884	3,30,526
Deduct lands given up ...	9,352	20,077
Total...	2,49,532	3,10,449
Add lands taken up ...	7,362	18,708
	2,56,894	3,29,157

Of the extent given up, Acres 8,753 with an assessment of Rupees 17,874 were actually thrown up, and of that taken up, Acres 4,101 with an assessment of Rupees 8,892 were actually taken up, and the remaining extent under the heads "given up" and "taken up" was on account of transfers of lands from one ryot to another, &c. &c.

Cultivation and Settlement.

8. The following is a Comparative Statement of the cultivation and Settlement of the present and past years.

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Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
Dry...	2,13,618	1,59,688	2,10,834	1,57,500	......	......	2,784	2,188
Wet...	47,765	1,79,499	46,061	1,71,657	......	......	1,704	7,842
Total...	2,61,383	3,39,187	2,56,895	3,29,157	......	......	4,488	10,030
Add—								
Second Crop Assessment.	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Additional Assessment..	......	1,533	......	1,203	......	......	......	330
Water-tax	......	1,952	......	2,003	......	51	......	......
Road Fund...	......	3,690	......	3,594	......	......	......	96
Total...	......	7,175	......	6,800	......	......	......	375
Total...	2,61,383	3,46,362	2,56,895	3,35,957	......	......	4,488	10,405
Deduct—								
Remissions. Waste remitted.	2,498	8,661	1,293	3,028	......	......	1,205	5,633
Remissions. Other remission as per Statement No. 4..	......	......	......	11,792	......	11,792	......	......
Merahs to village servants	......	250	......	7,084	......	6,834	......	......
Road Fund	......	10,065	......	9,645	......	......	......	420
Total...	2,498	18,976	1,293	31,549	......	12,573	1,205	......
Remaining Beriz... ...	2,58,885	3,27,386	2,55,602	3,04,408	......	......	3,283	22,978
Add Miscellaneous items.	......	77,338	......	74,664	......	......	......	2,674
Total Beriz for Fusly 1278.	......	4,04,724	......	3,79,072	......	......	......	25,652

The decrease under the heads of Wet and Dry is due to the adverse nature of the season. The decrease under the Road Fund, results from the decrease in the Amaracam.

The decrease under the head "Waste Remitted" and the increase under other remissions, will be treated of in paragraphs 10 and 11.

The increase under "Merahs to village servants" is owing to the allowances of village servants attached to villages settled by the Settlement Department having been deducted from the Beriz in the year under review, as directed by the Board, in their Circular Memorandum, dated March 1869, No. 238.

The decrease under the head of Miscellaneous Items will be accounted for in paragraph 14.

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Principal sources of Irrigation.

9. The following Statement shows the ayacut and cultivation under the various heads of irrigation.

Irrigation works.	Talooks.	Jerayati Ayacut.		Jerayati Cultivation.		Water-tax.	Total.
		Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.		
			RS.		RS.		RS.
Anicut channels ...	Rajahmundry	25	32	25	32	100	132
	Yernagudem	433	465	453	491	1,810	2,301
	Total...	458	497	478	523	1,910	2,433
The Yelairu... ...	Peddapur	4,937	42,054	4,685	41,047	......	41,047
Other natural streams	Rajahmundry	1,323	6,085	847	4,155	76	4,231
	Peddapur	248	941	213	798	......	798
	Yernagudem	2,440	4,513	974	2,686	14	2,700
	Total...	4,011	11,539	2,034	7,639	90	7,729
Tanks	Ramamundry	17,629	70,340	13,739	54,149	252	54,401
	Peddapur	18,458	52,994	15,064	44,171	762	44,933
	Yernagudem	10,499	23,384	4,777	13,637	100	13,727
	Total...	46,586	1,46,718	33,580	1,11,947	1,114	1,13,061
Total	Rajahmundry	18,977	76,457	14,611	58,336	428	58,764
	Peddapur	23,643	95,989	19,962	86,016	762	86,778
	Yernagudem	13,372	28,362	6,204	16,804	1,924	18,728
	Total...	55,992	2,00,808	40,777	1,61,156	3,114	1,64,270

The wet cultivation in the Sub-division is chiefly dependent upon tank irrigations; the tanks did not receive a full supply of water owing to the failure of the rains and are very generally in bad order and in need of repairs.

10. The following Statement gives the waste charged and remitted :—

Items.	Acres.	Shist.
Waste charged.		
Fusly 1277...	1,26,375	80,991
,, 1278...	1,27,694	74,546
Waste remitted.		
Fusly 1277...	2,498	8,661
,, 1278...	1,293	3,028

The increase in the extent of land entered under the head "Waste charged" is chiefly owing to Amaracam lands having been left waste from neglect of ryots from poverty and for pasturage

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The decrease under the the head "Waste remitted" is owing to ryots having cultivated more nunjah land than last year owing to the favourable commencement of the rains which subsequently totally failed. The remissions consequently under this head are less than for the previous year, though they are much heavier under the head of "Loss of Crops" as shown in the following paragraph.

Remissions.

Description.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Occasional loss of crop... ...	......	11,762	11,762
On lands cultivated with Carolina Paddy	......	8	8
Temporarily occupied by Department Public Works, etc...	......	22	22
Total...	......	11,792	11,792

11. The remission in the 1st item is for lands, the crops of which were totally lost, owing to deficiency of water. The remissions in the 2nd item is on account of land on which the experimental cultivation of Carolina Paddy was carried on.

Of the Rupees 22 composing the 3rd item, Rupees 7 are for a portion of a Zirayati field temporarily occupied by the Department of Public Works for Lime kilns, Rupees 14-9-8 are for Ziroyati lands taken up by channels, and Annas four and pice nine is the assessment on Zirayati lands taken up for Police Lines.

Special crops.

12. There was a decrease in the cultivation of Sugar-cane owing to the failure of the freshes in the Yeleru, upon which the Sugar-cane of this Division depends. The increase in the Cotton cultivation is attributable to the season being favourable for cotton. The increase in the Indigo cultivation is chiefly in one village in which an Indigo Factory has been recently established.

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase in Acres.	Decrease in Acres.
	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.		
		RS.		RS.		
Sugar-cane	4,014	47,615	3,425	42,841	....	589
Cotton	9,316	16,119	15,596	30,225	6,280	....
Indigo	245	449	662	840	417	....

13. The following Statement exhibits the whole demand of the Sub-Division compared with that of the preceding year :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled	1,67,514	1,67,514	....	....
Jodi on Shrotriem villages...	7,997	8,005	8	....
Ryotwar	3,27,386	3,04,408	....	22,978
Miscellaneous items	77,338	74,664	....	2,674
Total...	5,80,235	5,54,591	....	25,644
Particulars.				
Rajahmundry	1,52,417	1,39,794	....	12,623
Peddapur	2,32,874	2,25,096	....	7,778
Yernagudem	1,94,944	1,89,701	....	5,243
Abkarry	53,339	60,650	7,311	....
License-tax	8,116	7,753	....	363
Stamps...	61,513	68,784	7,271	....

The increase under Shrotriem Jody is owing to Medipalli Agraharam in the Yernagudem Talook, having been included in the demand this year.

The decrease under Ryotwar has been explained in paragraph 8.

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Miscellaneous Items.

14. The following Statement shows the variations in miscellaneous items as compared with the previous fusly :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Jody and Quit-rent in Government Talooks and Zemindary, and Proprietary estates ...	28,884	28,674	....	210
2. Water-tax on Inams, etc.	8,543	8,407	....	136
3. Assessment on Lankas or Islands... ...	18,832	12,541	....	6,291
4. Assessment on Ashalminha lands... ...	6,470	7,807	1,337	....
5. Assessment on unclassified waste cultivated.	7,211	8,821	1,610	....
6. Sundry Items...	7,398	8,414	1,016	....
	77,338	74,664	....	2,674

The decrease in the first item is caused by several Inams having been in the current fusly relinquished by their holders and incorporated with Zirayati.

The decrease under Water-tax on Inam, etc., is trifling.

The decrease under assessment of Lunkas resulted partly from one of the Lunkas having been brought under settlement in the year under report, and partly from some of the Lunkas having realized less than in last year.

The increase under assessment on Asalminaha lands is owing to prohibitory rates of assessment having been levied on path-ways, etc., cultivated without permission. The increase under assessment on unclassified waste is owing to an increase in the extent taken up.

The increase under sundry items calls for no explanation.

15. No Water-tax was remitted in the year under report.

Comparative Statement of Collections.

16. The following is a comparative abstract Statement of collections :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
Land Revenue	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled ...	7,256	1,56,882	1,64,138	8,547	1,59,721	1,68,268	4,130	...
Shrotriem Jody... ...	145	7,165	7,310	863	7,997	8,860	1,550	...
Ryotwar...	642	3,25,864	3,26,506	2,509	3,02,827	3,05,336	...	21,170
Miscellaneous items ...	986	67,244	68,230	10,699	70,146	80,845	12,615	...
Total...	9,029	5,57,155	5,66,184	22,618	5,40,691	5,63,309	...	2,875
Abkarry...	7,351	52,353	59,704	985	54,770	55,755	...	3,949
License-tax... ...	...	8,116	8,116	......	7,753	7,753	...	363
Stamps...	...	61,513	61,513	......	68,784	68,784	7,271	...
Total...	16,380	6,79,137	6,95,517	23,603	6,71,998	6,95,601	84	...

The increase of Collections under "Permanently Settled" and Shrotriem Jody is owing to the punctuality in the payment of their kists on the part of Proprietors and Shrotriemdars respectively.

The decrease under Ryotwar is attributable to the falling off in the Amaracam.

The increase under Miscellaneous items is owing to arrears outstanding at the beginning of Fusly 1278, having been collected in this year, and to the speedy collection of the current year's demand.

The decrease under Abkarry is owing to a large amount of arrears outstanding at the beginning of Fusly 1277 having been collected in that year.

The decrease under License-tax requires no explanation.

The increase under Stamps is owing to increase sales on that account.

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Old arrears.

17. The following Statement exhibits the old arrears.

Fuslies.	Balance.	Of which amount classed recoverable.	Doubtful.	Irrecoverable. As classed in Fusly 1278. By death.	By desertion.	By poverty.	By other causes.	Total.	As classed in Fusly 1277.	Total.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1271... ...	2 12 0	....	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	1 4 0	1 4 0	1 8 0	2 12 0
1272... ...	2 12 0	....	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	1 4 0	1 4 0	1 8 0	2 12 0
1273... ...	12 11 0	....	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	5 0 0	5 0 0	7 11 0	12 11 0
1274... ...	5 0 0	....	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	5 0 0	5 0 0	... ...	5 0 0
1275... ...	61 7 0	2 8 0	26 6 0	... ...	... ...	... ...	32 5 0	32 5 0	0 4 0	32 9 0
1276... ...	1,393 5 2	1,264 14 2	78 6 0	... ...	... ...	... ...	50 1 0	50 1 0	... ...	50 1 0
1277... ...	5,753 14 2	4,269 15 7	342 11 9	43 5 10	... ...	59 1 6	1,038 11 6	1,141 2 10	... ...	1,141 2 10
Total...	7,231 13 4	5,537 5 9	447 7 9	43 5 10	... ...	59 1 6	1,133 9 6	1,236 0 10	10 15 0	1,246 15 10
Particulars.										
Permanently settled... ...	6,194 9 0	5,244 1 2	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	950 7 10	950 7 10	... ...	950 7 10
Shrotriem Jody.	24 4 0	....	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	24 0 0	24 0 0	0 4 0	24 4 0
Ryotwar... ...	367 13 2	88 9 5	144 13 9	43 5 10	... ...	11 6 6	68 14 8	123 11 0	10 11 0	134 6 0
Miscellaneous...	645 3 2	204 11 2	302 10 0	... ...	... ...	47 11 0	90 3 0	137 14 0	... ...	137 14 0

The balance at the beginning of the fusly was Rupees 29,849-10-6, of which Rupees 18,330-7-4 were collected, and the remission of Rupees 4,287-5-10 having been sanctioned by Government, this sum was written off the Accounts. The remainder is Rupees 7,231-13-4.

Of the amount of Rupees 5,537-5-9 classed as recoverable, Rupees 5,244-1-2 is due on account of the Peishcush for the proprietary estates of Thyajampudi and Kurukur under attachment, and the remainder is not considerable.

Of the amount of Rupees 447-7-9 entered as doubtful, Rupees 144-13-9 is the assessment on back-yards, the collection of which has been suspended, pending settlement by the Inam Commissioner ; Rupees 119-8-0 is Water-tax charged for Fusly 1277 on Service Wet Inams in Morampalli, of the Yernagudem Talook, and the remaining Rupees 183-2-0, is the assessment on excess found in Inams, which will be inquired into and disposed of shortly.

Of the irrecoverable balance of Rupees 1,246-15-10, Rupees 950-7-10 is a portion of the Peishcush of the Billumilli and Baiyunagudem estates for Fusly 1277, left uncollected owing to the non-completion of the repairs of the Calingulah on Baiyuna river. Of Rupees 24-4-0 under the head Shrotriem Jody, Rupees 24 is the Jody of Fusly 1275 on an Inam in the Agraharum village of Ayyavaripolavarum, in the Yernagudem Talook, which Inam was long since resumed by Government, and sanction for writing off the Accounts ; the remaining 4 Annas was applied for in Fusly 1277 by the Head Assistant Collector. Of Rupees 134-6-0 under Ryotwar, Rupees 10-11-0, was recommended for remission in last year, Rupees 54-12-4 are due by deceased ryots and paupers who left no property, and the remaining Rupees 68-14-8 is excess demand.

Of Rupees 137-14-0 under the head " Miscellaneous," Rupees 47-11-0 is due from paupers, the remainder being excess demand.

I have, therefore, the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of Government to write off the whole irrecoverable balance of Rupees 1,246-15-10, particularized above.

18. Processes under Act II. of 1864 were issued for the collection of an arrear of Rupees 7,032 due by 202 ryots in 84 villages, and property to the value of Rupees 4,818 was actually brought under attachment. Of this, property to the value of Rupees 1,043 only was sold for Rupees 1,047.

19. None of the public servants acquired landed property in the year under report.

20. The Village Accounts were examined by the Huzoor and Talook Establishments and found to be generally correct. The mistakes found were pointed out to the Curnums for their guidance. The Talook Accounts were examined by myself, as directed in Standing Circular No. V. of 1864, and the slight inaccuracies noted by me were then and there pointed out to the Tahsildars for their information.

Vaccination.

21. No persons were vaccinated by the Dresser attached to my Office, the lymph with which he had been supplied being old and unfit for use.

22. I was well satisfied with the conduct of the servants generally, Koti Subba Row my Sheristadar gave me entire satisfaction, he has since been promoted.

Samineni Gopala Row, the Acting Tahsildar of Peddapur, proved himself thoroughly conversant with his talook and the people, and has their entire confidence. Pharriharam Venkata Ranga Charlu, the Tahsildar of Rajahmundry, has a thorough knowledge of his talook and has performed his work to my satisfaction.

Pattri Subba Row, the Tahsildar of Yernagudem, lacks energy and was not so well acquainted with his talook as he ought to be, but this may have been owing to his newness to the post.

Rajahmundry,
9th August 1869.

(Signed) J. G. HORSFALL,
Acting Sub-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. FRASER,
Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

KISTNA.

Sent by Banghy.

I HAVE the honor to submit the Jummahbundy Report of the Kistna District for Fusly 1278, together with the usual Statements.

Villages at which the Settlement was made.

2. The subjoined is an abstract of Statement No. 1, showing where and by whom the Settlement was made, and the actual time during which it was in progress in each talook.

Names of Officers.		Names of talooks.	Number of villages.	Where made.	Period occupied in each talook.
J. A. C. Boswell, Esq.,	1	Repalli	149	Tenali and Repalli ...	32
Officiating Collector.	2	Gudiwada... ...	198	Gudiwada and Kykalur	12
Do. and Mr. Newman, Assistant Collector.	3	Bunder	72	Bunder and Avanigada	10
W. H. Comyn, Esq.,	4	Rajapetta... ...	122	Narsarowpetta and	
Acting Sub-Collector.	5	Vinukonda ...		Rajapetta	12
	6	Bapatla	83	Vinukonda	6
	7	Guntoor	91	Bapatla	4
	8	Krosur	130	Guntur	5
W. F. Grahame, Esq.,	9	Bezwada	162	Krosur and Amaravati	5
Acting Head Assistant Collector.	10	Nandigama ...	72	Kondapalli, Bezwada, and Kankipad	11
C. Cumming, Esq., Assistant Collector.	11	Palnad	120	Kanchikacherla ...	11
			137	Dachepalli	22
		Total...	1,336		

3. Of the 3 talooks under the immediate charge of the Collector, one was settled by myself in full. Part of the second, Mr. Newman the Assistant Collector, settled under my immediate superintendence. On account of severe illness, I was unable to finish the third, and had to ask the Head Assistant Collector to complete the work. Mr. Comyn, while in charge of the district, settled Rajapetta and Vinukonda Talooks, belonging to the Deputy Collector's Range, and subsequently settled the 3 talooks in his own division. While the Deputy Collector's division was temporarily in charge of Mr. Cumming, he settled the Palnad Talook. Owing to the extreme heat and the prevalence of Small-pox at the time, he made the settlement in one station only. No

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explanation has been given by Mr. Comyn who settled Bapatla, Guntoor, Venukonda Talooks, and by Mr. Grahame who settled Nandigama Talook, why the Jummahbundy was made in one station only of each talook.

Puttahs.

4. In the Masulipatam portion of the district in which the new settlement has been introduced, new puttahs were given to all the ryots, in accordance with the form received with the Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 1,206, dated 3rd December 1866. In the Guntoor portion, however, the old form received with the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd March 1866, was retained, agreeably to the Board's Proceedings, No. 8,013, dated 12th November 1868.

Changes in the tenure of villages.

Decription of tenure of the village.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
Ryotwary villages.	1,351	1,336
Whole rent villages	1	1
Shotriam do.	205	205
Surva Mokhasa	15	15
Jagire do.	2	2
Villages having no land revenue ...	5	5
	1,579	1,564
Decrease in Ryotwary...	......	15
		1,579

5. A Statement showing the number and tenures of villages in the district is entered in the margin. The village of Chanubanda and the Mootah of Vissannapetta consisting of 14 villages having been assigned to Zemindars, agreeably to the Orders of Government, dated 3rd February 1868, No. 297, and 23rd August 1869, No. 1,011, respectively, there appears a decrease of 15 under ryotwary.

Season.

Months.	Fusly 1277		Fusly 1278.	
	Inches	Cents.	Inches	Cents.
1868 April	...	69	...	...
" May	1	40	...	81½
" June	1	77	5	12
,, July	1	97	8	20
,, August	8	47	3	59
,, September	6	83	6	53
Total...	21	13	24	25½
" October...	7	26	1	75
,, November	...	20	...	36
,. December	...	62	...	...
1869 January	...	...	...	...
" February	...	...	...	...
" March	...	...	...	57
Total...	8	8	2	68
Grand Total...	29	21	26	93½

6. The fall of rain during the year under report, is entered in the margin. It will be observed that there was a copious fall during the months of June and July and the season appeared to be extremely promising, so much so, that people thought that it was the first good year after a score of bad seasons, but they were somewhat disappointed. The rain-fall in August and September was partial and scanty, and in October when it was most wanted, it almost failed. The consequence was a partial failure of Velavadam, Jilma and Badama (black paddy crops). Jonna suffered from excess of rain and flood in the commencement of the season, but the small quantity that fell from October was good for that crop.

7. The wet crop was on the whole pretty good though it suffered from floods here and there in August, and from drought in October and November.

8. Just 30 hours before the great solar Eclipse which occurred on the 18th of August 1868, the river Kistna rose to an unprecedented height, and inundated several villages along the bank. Much property was lost and damaged, but fortunately there was no loss of human life. It was reported that boats were used in the streets of the inundated villages for 2 days. The tanks in the Divi Pergannah in Bunder Talook were all breached by the flood and the young paddy was washed away. This was the case in some of the lower villages in the Repalli Talook also on the other side of the river.

9. The Paddy cultivation under the Kollur lake was much below the average, as the water was low in the lake.

10. Of the Pyra or later crops, Variga which is one of the staple crops of the district, failed wherever it was sown late. The early sown Variga, Cotton, Tobacco and Chillies and all the pulse crops yielded a fair average. The wind was reported as extremely favorable this year for these crops, and made up for the want of rain.

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Sanitary condition.

The mortality of the year and its causes are shown in the following table, compared with the previous year :—

	From disease or violence.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
From disease.	1. Cholera	1,390	......
	2. Small-pox	1,281	1,719
	3. Jungle fever	1,835	2,205
	4. Old age	4,419	4,546
	5. Other diseases	10,251	10,775
From Violence. Accidents.	6. Drowning	209	205
	7. Snake bites...	70	88
	8. Wild beasts	3	3
	9. Other accidents	118	118
Suicides.	10. Hanging	7	12
	11. Drowning	47	65
	12. Poison	1	2
	13. Other suicides	5	5
	14. Murder	13	5
	Total...	21,649	19,748
	Of which Males...	11,499	10,350
	Females...	10,150	9,398
	Total...	21,649	19,748

The general health of the district was on the whole good. There was not a single case of Cholera in the whole district reported during the year under report. In Fusly 1277, the deaths from this disease were 1,390 against 6,641 in Fusly 1276, so that its total disappearance this year, concurrently with increased efforts at sanitation, is very satisfactory. Small-pox, however, prevailed all over the district, and particularly in the jungle parts in the west. I do not think that the present system of vaccination is so satisfactory as the one that preceded this, under which one Vaccinator at least was always available in each talook. The vaccination parties now make circuits, and when an emergency occurs in any particular locality and the people would be glad to resort to vaccination driven by panic, the vaccinator cannot be procured. The number of deaths from Fever have considerably decreased, which is attributed to the rains having not been so protracted as usual. The damp and moisture of the season is considered to have been a predisposing cause of fever in the cold season. There is no marked difference between the two years in other causes of mortality. It is satisfactory to observe the number of murders this year, only five as against thirteen last year.

Statement No. 2.—Prices.

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease
Exports......	7,89,485	40,68,225	32,78,740	......
Imports......	83,800	24,08,557	15,75,557	......

11. The price of Paddy fell in the beginning of the season when the rain-fall was abundant, but rose gradually afterwards; hence the average of 12 months was nearly equal to that of last year. The price of Cholum, Cumboo and Raggy fell, while that of Horse-gram rose higher than in the previous Fusly 1277. The exports and imports during the year under report were limited, as shown in the margin.

12. There was no marked difference in wages. The number of Puttah ryots in Fusly 1271 was 1,15,688 and in Fusly 1276, 1,52,064, the increase being 36,376. As the number of ryots holding land increases, the number of those who live by labor decreases proportionately, and they demand better wages. The Department Public Works are every day finding it harder to obtain labor. The pauper holder of a fraction of land earns enough to keep body and soul together and thinks it *infra dig* to work for hire. The increase in the number of Puttahdars is not in proportion to the increasing prosperity of a district.

Statement No. 3.

13. This Statement shows the Ryots' holdings, cultivation, &c. An abstract is hereunder given in comparison with the previous Fusly, excluding the waste charged and remitted.

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Items.	Last Fusly.		Current Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	14,75,163	22,44,337 0 2	14,807,66	22,52,075 12 0	5,603	7,739	......	....
Wet	1,42,176	8,09,622 15 4	1,28,855	5,02,652 15 7	......	......	13,321	3,06,970
Total...	16,17,339	30,53,959 15 6	16,09,621	27,54,728 11 7	5,603	7,739	13,321	3,06,970
Second Crop Sist...	....	....	....	....	......	......	......	....
Additional Sist	....	....	....	....	......	......	......	....
Teervajasty	....	16,379 6 7	....	2,60,559 12 6	......	2,44,180	......	....
Road Fund	....	85,205 5 10	....	1,41,165 3 0	......	55,960	......	....
Village Service Fund	....	65,120 8 2	....	38,050 10 8	......	......	......	27,070
Total...	....	32,20,665 4 1	....	31,94,504 5 11	......	......	......	26,161
Deduct Remissions.								
Road Fund	....	85,205 5 10	....	1,41,165 3 0	......	55,960	......	....
Village Service Fund	....	65,120 8 2	....	38,050 10 8	......	......	......	27,070
Other remissions as shown in Statement No. 4..	....	1,19,569 12 5	....	1,03,978 1 4	......	......	......	15,592
Total...	....	2,69,895 10 5	....	2,83,193 15 0	......	13,298	......	....
Balance remaining	....	29,50,769 9 8	....	29,11,310 6 11	......	......	......	39,459
Miscellaneous	....	3,18,553 5 11	....	3,09,759 3 4	......	......	......	8,794
Total...	....	32,69,322 15 7	....	32,21,069 10 3	......	......	......	48,253

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*Vide Statement No. 3, column.

	RS.
† Decrease in Wet	1,19,620
Increase in Dry	7,517
Net decrease in Wet...	1,12,103

‡ Names of Talooks.	Net amount of relinquishment in Wet.
	RS.
Gudiwada	57,807
Repalli	23,688
Bapatla	22,576
Vissannapetta	22,956
Bunder	3,289

14. The extent of land held by ryots in the beginning of the year was acres 16,29,375,* paying an assessment of Rupees 31,10,539-15-1, of which acres 81,729, paying Rs. 2,51,414-11-11 were relinquished and acres 65,323 paying Rupees 1,39,311-2-8 were taken up during the year under report, the net decrease being acres 16,406, paying Rupees 1,12,103 † in wet lands, chiefly in the talooks noted in the margin. ‡

15. The largest decrease by relinquishments is in Gudiwada Talook, and is ascribed partly to the deterioration of soil by *Chavudu* or the efflorescence of salt to the surface, to the insufficient supply of water in the channels, but chiefly to the enhancement of wet rates by the introduction of the new settlement. The present water rate alone is greater than the whole consolidated wet assessment under the joint rents. So large an enhancement of these sists suddenly in Fusly 1276 has led to an enormous relinquishment of land last year. The relinquishments in Repalli are ascribed to the increase of *Chavudu* and to the insufficient supply of water in the channels. The branch channels have been extended too fast and more land has been taken up than it has been found possible to irrigate properly. Efforts are now being made to increase the width of the main channels as fast as possible, but considerable disappointment has been entailed and disputes engendered by the mistake that has been made. In Bapatla Talook a large extent of *Vada* or swamp land was taken up for cultivation prematurely, in the expectation that channels would be dug immediately to irrigate the same; but as the excavation of the channels was postponed, the ryots were compelled to give up the lands, to secure which, in the immediate prospect of irrigation being supplied, there had been much competition. During the Fusly 1278, the Mootah of Vissannapetta was made over to the Zemindar, hence the decrease here is merely nominal. In the talook of Bunder, the relinquishments are due again to the inadequate supply of Anicut water for irrigation. Lands have been taken up faster than the means of irrigation could be supplied.

16. In consequence of this large amount of relinquishments, the total amount of waste charged and remitted was considerably less than in the previous Fusly 1277, as noted in the margin. The dry waste remitted is insignificant. The wet waste was chiefly in Bunder and Bapatla Talooks. In the former, the inundation of the river on the 18th of August breached the tanks in Divi Pergannah, which are entirely dependant on the freshes of the river. In Bapatla and other talooks, the chief cause for the remission of the waste was the inadequate supply of water. A quantity of land converted from dry into wet has been certified this year by the Department Public Works to be at too high a level to be irrigated, and yet some of the land has been charged water rate or wet assessment in past years.

Fuslies.	Dry.	Wet.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1277	329	56,251	56,580
1278	106	16,973	17,079
Decrease...	223	39,278	39,501

17. The total waste charged was Dry Rupees 1,96,730, and Wet Rupees 25,862, total Rupees 2,22,600, most part of which was in respect of grazing lands.

18. The actual cultivation in the district is noted in the margin, compared with the previous year.

Fuslies.	Dry.	Wet.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS
1277	20,39,277	7,82,551	28,21,828
1278	20,55,337 Tirwa...	4,76,791 2,26,628	27,58,756
		7,03,419	

19. There was no second crop cultivation, nor any additional assessment in the current Fusly 1278.

20. As directed in the Board's Proceedings, No. 517, dated 20th May 1869, the Water

tax entered in column 51 of Statement No. 3, Rupees 2,60,559, contains the tax both on dry lands converted into wet and on dry crops watered.

21. The entire demand of road cess in the district was Rupees 1,41,165-3-0, being an increase of Rupees 55,960 on the previous Fusly 1277, which is due to certain Inams and Zemindary estates having been finally settled in the year under report. It is hardly necessary to remark, that this cess will do and is doing much to develop the prosperity of the district by affording to the agricultural classes greater facilities of transport and easier access to markets. In the matter of roads, the Kistna has hitherto been exceedingly backward. This cess, however, is most unpopular, especially among the Inamdars, who complain grievously that their Inams, which were so long enjoyed free of taxation, have been burdened first of all with quit-rent and now with road cess in addition.

	RS.	A.	P.
§ Fusly 1277...	65,120	8	2
„ 1278...	88,050	10	8
Decrease...	27,069	13	6

22. In the Meerahs to village servants, there is a decrease as noted in the margin,§ which is owing to the exclusion of emoluments paid in kind.

23. The Land Revenue Beriz of the district is Rupees 29,11,310. To this the sum of Rupees 3,09,739 being added on account of Miscellaneous items, the total Ryotwary Beriz becomes Rupees 32,21,069-10-3, (vide column 61 of No. 3.)

Enclosure A. in No. 3.

24. It will be observed from this account that the dry lands relinquished were Acres 47,019, paying Rupees 61,727 and those taken up were Acres 52,451, paying Rupees 69,244, the net increase being acres 5,432 paying Rupees 7,517 which is ascribable to the abundant fall of rain in the early part of the season. In wet lands the relinquishments reached acres 34,710, paying Rupees 1,87,687, while the extension of lands taken up was only acres 12,872, paying Rupees 70,067; the decrease being Rupees 1,19,620, hence the net decrease in the wet of Rupees 1,12,103 the causes of which have been explained in paragraph 15 above.

Enclosure B. in No. 3.

25. There is no Sugar-cane cultivation in this district. The extent of land cultivated with Cotton was acres 191,795, against acres 223,567 in Fusly 1277; the cause of decrease was due to heavy rains in the early part of the season which induced the ryots to cultivate Punassa crops in Cotton lands.

Fuslies	Acres.	Rupees.
1277	10,285	18,766
1278	13,521	26,715
Increase.	3,236	7,949

The cultivation of Indigo increased as noted in the margin. The price of this article like that of Cotton, is rising.

Enclosure C. in No. 3.

27. No lands were held on progressive Cowle during Fusly 1278. In the western parts of Krosur, Vinukonda and Rajapetta Talooks which are now waste and infested by wild beasts, there are good arable lands. Liberal Cowles would probably attract enterprizing ryots to clear these jungles containing brushwood and bring the lands under the plough, but I would strongly deprecate the destruction of any forests or jungles, now that the demand for timber and firewood is so largely increasing. All our jungle reserves should be strictly conserved.

28. The principal sources of irrigation in this district are the Kistna, the Koller Lake, the tanks in uplands, and the hill streams. The area occupied and cultivated under each of these sources, is entered in the subjoined Statement.

Sources of Irrigation.	Ayacut.				Cultivation.				Remission.			Demand.		
	Land.	Assessment.			Land.	Assessment.								
	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Kistna River...	1,59,801	9,02,099	5	8	97,741	5,61,797	15	2	18,886	2	10	5,42,911	12	4
Koller Lake	14,238	58,494	0	0	1,707	7,738	2	0	183	13	0	7,549	5	0
Tanks in Uplands..................	41,851	2,28,624	5	5	27,422	1,51,414	5	7	20,436	15	1	1,30,977	6	6
Hill Streams.........................	2,288	10,344	10	8	1,958	8,966	12	2	53	10	0	8,913	2	2
Total...	2,18,128	11,94,562	5	9	1,28,828	7,29,912	2	11	39,560	8	11	6,90,351	10	0

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Talook.	Ayacut.		Cultivation	
	Land.	Sist.	Land.	Sist.
	Ac.	RS.	Ac.	RS.
Guntoor	61	182	61	182
Palnad	119	272	48	119
Nandigama	108	271	56	140
Vinukonda	48	108	48	108
Total...	336	833	213	549

29. A Statement of ruined tanks surrendered to private enterprize up to the close of the fusly, showing their position, ayacut and assessment, is entered in the margin.

Statement No. 4.

30. Remissions were granted in strict conformity with the Board's Order, No. 7,009, dated 1st November 1865, after full inquiry by the Settling Officers at Jummahbundy. In cases of disputes about the supply of water, the Officers of the Public Works Department were consulted, and the information which they offered was extremely valuable and tended to lighten the work of Jummahbundy. In the "occasional" remissions or those granted at the Jummahbundy with reference to the state of the season, there is a decrease of Rupees 20,969, while in the "usual" remissions there is an increase of Rupees 5,377. The net decrease is Rupees 15,592.

Shamilat Bunger.

31. Under this head the remission granted was Rupees 11,637-10-7 against Rupees 14,264-15-1 in Fusly 1277, the decrease being Rupees 2,627. In some of the lower villages of the Repalli Talook, the young Paddy plants were washed away by the inundation of the river on the 18th of August. The ryots were obliged to purchase fresh paddy plants and to cultivate only parts of fields. In the upland talooks, some of the tanks did not get a sufficient supply from failure of rains; hence the lands under them were entirely left waste, but dry assessment was charged on them in consequence of the ryots having made use of the pasture; therefore the remission granted is entered under this head.

Shavi.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277	448	10	0
„ 1278	5,089	7	5
Increase...	4,640	13	5

32. There is an increase in this item of Rupees 4,640, as shown in the margin. This remission was granted for large tracts in the Western Talooks. Some of the tanks must fill twice or three times to bring the crops to maturity. The failure of rain from October was the cause of total loss of crops.

Loss of produce.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	26,921
„ 1278	19,511
Decrease...	7,410

33. There is a decrease under this item of Rupees 7,410, as noted in the margin. This was chiefly granted in Repalli and Bapatla Talooks. In the former the inundation of the river alluded to above, and in the latter the heavy rain in September damaged the crops to a large extent.

Panibudty and Payamali or loss by flood.

34. There is an increase under these heads of Rupees 404 on the preceding year, owing to the heavy rains in August and September, which injured the crops.

Teazgiri or remissions to privileged classes.

35. The decrease of Rupees 264 under this head is due to the deaths of certain of the privileged recipients.

Fasal Cummi.

36. This was granted in Vissannapetta Mootah in last year. In the current year, the Mootah was put in the possession of Kavali Venkatanarayanappa, under G. O., No. 1,101, dated 23rd April 1869.

Progressive assessment in the talooks of the Masulipatam portion.

37. Under the new Settlement rules, the increase in assessment has been made gradually. Accordingly the remission from the full demand was less in the current year than in the preceding; hence the decrease of Rupees 14,725 in this item,

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Salaries of Mohatads.

38. The decrease is due to the transfer of Vissannapetta Mootah.

Village Service Fund.

39. The salaries of village servants from March to June 1869, were debited to State revenue, and credited to Village Service Fund under the Board's Order, dated 12th March 1869 ; hence the increase of Rupees 4,770.

Sist on topes.

40. Under Government Order, dated 3rd August 1868, No. 2,075, half of the sist of the topes belonging to Malraz Kondalroe, ex Zemindar of Narsarowpetta, was remitted in the year under report; but this item will not appear in future reports.

Chaturbhagam remission.

41. This amount was paid to the Chaturbhagam, Agraharamdar of Venkatapuram, for Fusly 1276. In Fusly 1277, land was given as Inam by the Inam Commissioner in lieu of the payment in cash ; hence this item also will not appear in future.

Vandra and other allowances to Moonsiff's and Karams.

42. The decrease is due to the discontinuance of Vaudras on decease of the recipients or other causes and to the payment of reduced salaries to newly appointed persons when the Moonsiffs die.

Fees to Village Servants and Road Fund.

43. The increase in both these items is due to the gradual increase of the demand under Settlement rules, in the talooks of the Masulipatam portion of the district.

Statement No. 5.

44. This Statement shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of Miscellaneous items of the land and other sources of revenue. The nature of each item is explained in the Statement itself.

Statement No 6.

45. This Statement shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of all Zemindaries and Agraharams. The balance entered in column 6 has been partly collected since the close of the fusly, except the Takarar Bedigas on Agraharams which have to be settled by the Inam Department.

Statement No. 7.

46. This Statement shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of revenue current and arrears. Subjoined is the comparative abstract of collections in the past and present fuslies.

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Land Revenue								
Permanently settled..........	1,32,021	1,93,095	3,25,116	93,373	2,86,112	3,79,485	54,369	......
Shrotriem, &c., villages	779	31,108	31,887	1,928	30,459	32,387	500	......
Ryotwar............	51,514	28,78,956	29,30,470	62,142	28,56,216	29,18,358	......	12,112
Miscellaneous......	70,403	2,31,521	3,01,924	85,471	2,29,983	3,15,454	13,530	......
Sale of waste lands, &c... ...	......	......	......	......	139	139	139	......
Total...	2,54,717	33,34,680	35,89,397	2,42,914	34,02,909	36,45,823	68,538	12,112
Abkarry............	23,518	1,29,222	1,52,740	18,045	1,34,547	1,52,592	......	148
Salt..................	......	7,52,431	7,52,431	....	11,21,372	11,21,372	3,68,941	......
Sea Customs... ...	......	6,126	6,126	......	10,951	10,951	4,825	......
Land Customs.. ..	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Stamps............	......	1,19,100	1,19,100	......	1,32,838	1,32,838	13,738	......
Income-tax.........	......	......	......	......	764	764	764	......
License-tax.........	......	46,246	46,246	......	27,402	27,402	......	18,844
Total...	23,518	10,53,125	10,76,643	18,045	14,27,874	14,45,919	3,88,268	18,992
Grand Total...	2,78,235	43,87,805	46,66,040	2,60,959	48,30,783	50,91,742	4,56,806	31,104

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Permanently settled.

47. The increase of Rupees 54,369 in this item is chiefly due to kists having been paid more punctually by the Zemindars.

Jodi in Shrotriem villages.

48. The increase of Rupees 500 is attributable to the larger collection of arrears during the year under report.

Ryotwary.

49. The decrease of Rupees 12,112 is owing to the decrease of demand owing to large relinquishments.

Miscellaneous.

50. Under this head there is an increase of Rupees 13,530, which is ascribable to a larger collection of arrears of Water-tax on Zemindary estates.

Sale of waste lands.

51. This item has been newly included in Land Revenue in the current fusly under the Accountant General's Order, No. 1,391, dated 31st March 1869.

Abkarry.

52. The decrease of Rupees 148 is trifling.

Salt.

There is a large increase of Rs. 3,68,941 under this head, which is owing to larger sales for inland consumption. In Fusly 1276 the sales amounted to Rupees 13,00,378. In Fusly 1277 they were reduced to Rupees 7,52,431, and in the current Fusly 1278, they rose again to Rupees 11,21,372. It was said that there was a large store of salt at Hyderabad in Fusly 1277. As this has been exhausted, the demand increased in Fusly 1278.

Sea Customs.

53. The increase of Rupees 4,825 is due to an increased Export and Import trade.

Stamps.

54. The increase in this item is attributable to greater litigation. The influence of the new Stamp Law and the effect of prosecuting delected breaches of these Laws.

Income-tax.

55. This was newly introduced in the year under report.

License-tax.

56. The decrease is due to the exemption of trades under Rupees 500, profits in the year under report.

Statement No. 8.

57. This Statement shows the Collection on account of arrears of all sources of revenue. The amount of arrears at the beginning of the fusly was Rupees 3,35,265, out of which Rupees 2,60,959 were collected within the Fusly, and Rupees 12,778-2-0 were remitted ; total Rupees 2,73,737-10-2. The balance at the close of the Fusly was Rupees 61,527-10-8, of which Rupees 954-15-11 were collected subsequently in July 1869. The remainder, with the exception of that entered as irrecoverable and doubtful, will be shortly collected.

58. Enclosure A, in No. 8, shows the extent to which coercive measures were adopted in collection. Process was issued for Rupees 20,337 on 608 ryots in 236 villages. The estimated value of property attached was Rupees 9,729, and the value of property actually sold was Rupees 3,462.

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59. Particular inquiries were made at Jummahbundy regarding the irrecoverable balances hereunder specified, and I request that sanction may be accorded to write them off in the accounts.

			RS.	A.	P.
1.	Amount due by deceased ryots... 54 5 6; Do. by those who have absconded ... 280 13 11; Do. by Pauper ryots... 1,791 0 3. It has been ascertained that they have no more property movable or immovable, beyond what has been already sold...		2,126	3	8
2.	Jodi on Inams relinquished to Government...		85	14	6
3.	Sist of a Mahatad's Service Inam before an exchange of lands sanctioned was effected...		45	15	0
4.	Excess amount included in the demand a decrease being found afterwards by measurement...		2	11	1
5.	Assessment charged on excess in Inam subsequently found to be part of the Inam...		1	8	10
6.	Assessment on lands taken up for irrigation works...		235	14	6
7.	Do. on waste lands, containing rocks, &c. which are unfit for cultivation, portions having been cultivated in large blocks and sist charged on the whole blocks...		85	11	2
8.	Do. on lands subsequently confirmed as Inams ...		243	5	6
9.	Karnikam perquisites deducted from the Beriz of certain villages in Guntoor Talook...		144	0	0
10.	Amount erroneously entered twice in the demand...		79	15	5
11.	Water-tax on Inam lands for which Title-deeds have been subsequently granted as usual wet...		6,571	11	6
12.	"Ghattutumulu" or Water-tax at 1 Rupee an acre, charged on Inams against Mamul...		13	7	5
13.	Do. charged at 1½ Rupee instead of 1 Rupee on Wet Inams, in Bapatla Talook...		330	10	7
14.	Jodi charged on Vetties' Inams and remitted in former years...		25	0	0
15.	Water-tax on Inam lands which have no sources of irrigation wrongly charged...		175	14	7
16.	Do. on Seri lands unirrigated...		816	1	10
17.	Assessment on lands flooded by the river...		2,299	0	7
18.	Quit-rent on Inams, the situation of which is not known ...		4	8	0
19.	Do. of Fusly 1274 and 1277 not agreed to by certain Quit-rent Inamdars...		19	8	0
20.	Water-tax on lands under the bank of the Pamurru channel which have become unfit for cultivation by percolation of water...		291	2	0
21.	Excess Quit-rent reduced afterwards by the Inam Commissioner ...		5	8	0
22.	Quit-rent as per Title-deeds cancelled by the Inam Commissioner...		2	2	0
23.	Sist of Seri land yearly remitted on account of Mohatad service of Gangulagunta village, in Palnad Talook...		15	1	4
24.	Arrears of Putla Cuttubady on Inams wrongly charged on account of Water-tax in the village of Nagavaram, in Krosur Talook. *Vide* Board's Proceedings, 23rd November 1868, No. 8,259, there being no means of irrigation...		105	13	2
25.	Assessment on lands restored to the Zemindar of Chintalapativantu...		38	12	4
26.	Do. on lands granted for building purposes...		12	6	0
27.	Do. on do. converted into freehold ..		2	1	0
28.	One-third of the Water-tax on lands irrigated by means of Pacottas in Gudiwada Talook which was erroneously charged...		143	6	0
29.	Amount due for Puttah land by Curnums now in Jail who have no property...		45	4	11
30.	On account of the items Dasara and Sirvaratry expenses included in the Dowle of Vissannapetta estate, the collection of which was suspended......		66	0	0
31.	Part of the amount recommended for remission for loss of crop in Fusly 1277, and sanctioned by the Board, in their Proceedings, 23rd July 1868, No. 5,363...		2,650	7	6
		Total...	16,685	2	5

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Statement No. 9.

60. This Statement shows the Collection of all sources of Revenue current and arrears, as well as charges compared with the previous year. The decrease in the Collection of arrears is due to the smaller balance to be collected at the beginning of Fusly 1278, than in Fusly 1277. The increase in the current is chiefly due to the punctual collection of Zemindary Peishcush.

61. The causes for the increase and decrease in the extra sources have been already explained in full, (paragraphs 52 to 56.)

Refunds.

62. The net increase in this item of Rupees 18,233 is due to the refund made under Government Order, No. 530, dated 1st March 1869, to the Zemindar of Devaracotta. Of this sum, Rupees 19,219-3-0 being the principal, was debited to Land Revenue, and the remainder being the interest due on the same for 37 years, at 6 per cent. per annum, was debited to interest on Service funds and other accounts.

Salaries of Collectors, etc.

63. The net decrease of Rupees 9,976 in this item is due to the following causes.

	RS.	A.	P.
Decrease in Collector's pay, owing to Mr. Thornhill's absence from the district	7,000	0	0
Do. in the pay of the Principal Assistant of Ganjam, which was paid in Fusly 1277	16,333	0	0
Decrease in the salary of the Sub-Collector, there being no confirmed Sub-Collector in Fusly 1278	4,657	0	0
Do. in the Head Assistant's pay, as there was no Head Assistant for a short time...	706	0	0
Decrease in the Assistant's pay	833	0	0
Do. in the General Deputy Collector's pay, as the office was vacant for a short time...	2,079	0	0
Total...	31,608	0	0
Deduct increase, viz. { Amount paid in Fusly 1278 on account of the Principal Assistant of Vizagapatam	4,667	0	0
Do. paid to Sub-Collector of Coimbatore, Mr. McQuhae, who acted as Collector...	5,833	0	0
Do. paid to Treasury Deputy Collector...	1,848	0	0
Deputation allowance	6,790	0	0
Total...	19,138	0	0
Net decrease...	12,470	0	0
Deduct ⅕ on account of Magisterial Department	2,494	0	0
Remainder...	9,976	0	0

Tent allowance and House-rent.

64. There is a decrease of Rupees 595 under this head.

Establishments.

65. The decrease of Rupees 142 is trifling.

Sader.

66. The increase of Rupees 43 is trifling.

Medical charges.

67. The increase of Rupees 268 is due to the appointment of two Dressers instead of one.

Contingencies.

68. The increase of Rupees 1,386 is due to a larger amount of batta paid to establishments while on circuit.

Abkarry.

69. The increase of Rupees 259 is due to the purchase of Stamp paper on account of the Muchilikas tendered by the new renters.

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Sea Customs.

70. The small increase of Rupees 15, calls for no remark.

Pay of Salt Deputy Collector.

71. The decrease of Rupees 4,964 is due to the lower class pay Rupees 250, having been paid to the present Deputy Collector and to his having received part of Ellore Tahsildar's pay while acting as Deputy Collector in this district.

Establishment, Sader, and Travelling allowance.

72. The decrease of Rupees 123, Rupees 5 and Rupees 4 respectively, under these heads, is trifling.

Purchasing, Storing etc., salt.

73. The decrease of Rupees 5,358 and Rupees 1,548 is due to the more limited manufacture sanctioned.

Contingencies.

74. The increase of Rupees 5,426 is due to the greater quantity of salt destroyed in the swamps.

Stamps.

75. The increase in discount is due to the increase in the sale of stamps.

Stamp refunds.

76. These refunds are made on certificates granted by Courts.

Statement No. 10.

77. At the beginning of the Fusly 1278, there were in store Indian Maunds 12,58,251. The quantity received during the year was Indian Maunds 7,18,584, total 19,76,835, of this, 6,71,823 Indian Maunds were sold during the year and 13,002 Indian Maunds were debited to wastage. The balance remaining in store at the close of the year was Indian Maunds 12,92,010. There was neither export nor import of salt by sea during the year.

Statement No. 11.

78. In 465 heaps of salt sold by retail, which when stored contained 5,51,652 Indian Maunds, there was found a decrease or wastage of 32,033 Indian Maunds, for writing off which, sanction is requested, being about 5¾ per cent.

79. A Statement in the form which accompanied the Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 689, dated 30th June last, showing the Talookwar particulars of the demand and collections of lands and other sources of revenue, is herewith submitted.

Village Accounts.

80. In all the talooks of the district, the Settling Officers personally examined the accounts and noticed errors and marked carelessness by fine and dismissal. In some talooks, printed forms were not supplied for all Village Accounts and as the District Press is heavily worked and has a very insufficient supply of type, I have availed myself of the Board's orders to send the forms to be printed in the Penitentiary Press.

Lands acquired by Public Servants.

81. A Statement giving full information on this subject, is herewith submitted.

Subordinate Officers.

The officers in this district have all been repeatedly changed in the course of the past year, which is disadvantageous for the interests of the district. During the former part of the year the duties of Sherishtadar were conducted by Turga Narsingam with much credit to himself. Subsequently, the permanent incumbent of the post, Dinavahi Parushothamaya Garu, who had been acting as Treasury Deputy Collector for about a year and a half, returned to the office of Sherishtadar. This officer's merits have been frequently brought to the notice of the Board. His duties are most efficiently discharged, and I trust he may before long be confirmed as a Deputy Collector, for which advancement he has been repeatedly recommended.

20th August. (Signed) J. A. C. BOSWELL,
Officiating Collector.

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the Settlement of the Sub-Division in my charge for Fusly 1278, together with the usual Statements, 8 in number.

2. Statement No. 1 shows the several places at which the Jummahbundy was made, and the names of officers who conducted it, with the period occupied.

Names of Officers.	Talooks.	Places at which the settlement was made.	No. of days.	Dates on which Jummahbundy was made.
W. H. Comyn, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector.	Bapatla ...	Bapatla... ...	4	2nd, 3rd, 4th and 10th April 1869.
	Guntoor ...	Guntoor... ...	5	10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 15th March 1869.
	Krosoor ...	Amravaty... ...	2	17th and 18th March 1869.
	......	Krosoor... ...	3	22nd, 23rd and 24th March 1869.
Total...	......	......	14	

Fuslies.	New puttahs.	Old puttahs.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.
1277	2,948	41,042	43,990
1278	5,708	39,347	45,055
Net Increase...	....	....	1,065

3. During the year under report, there has not been any change in the number and tenure of villages.

4. The marginal abstract shows the number of puttahs issued to the ryots in the year under report, and in the last year.

Season.

5. Subjoined is a table of rain-fall during the last and current fuslies, which shows that the quantity of rain during this year was less than in the preceding one by about 6 inches.

Months.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.	
	I.	C.	I.	C.
April 1868	2	...	...	30
May ,, ...	..	20	1	43
June ,, ...	...	...	3	34
July ,, ...	1	...	8	59
August ,, ...	11	9	2	40
Sept. ,, ...	11	...	6	50
Oct. ,, ...	7	3	...	98
Nov. ,, ...	...	...	...	45
Dec. ,, ...	...	58	...	...
January 1869...	...	...	...	...
February ,, ...	...	...	...	...
March ,, ...	...	...	2	10
Total...	32	90	26	9

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6. The season opened prosperously, attended with timely and favorable falls of rain in the beginning, by which Gidda, Jonna in the Guntoor and Krosoor Talooks, and early crops such as Sujja, Korra, &c., in the Division, generally gave a good yield; but the dry Paddy crops (Vellavadam) in the Guntoor and Krosoor Talooks suffered from the subsequent scanty fall of rain. As regards the Bapatla Talook, it is to be observed that the dry paddy crops raised in some parts were lost in consequence of flooding by the surplus water of other villages; the Jonna crop raised in the villages bordering on the Kistna river generally gave a good yield, in other parts failure of rains caused some loss. From the same cause the later crops also suffered except in some low grounds where standing water was available.

7. The wet paddy crops raised in the Guntoor and Krosoor Talooks dependant on tank irrigation suffered to some extent, as the supply of water received into the tanks was insufficient for the cultivation, and in some coast villages of Bapatla Talook the wet Paddy crop suffered partly from failure of rains and partly through being flooded by the surplus water from the low ground known as "Vada."

8. This year the freshes in the Kistna were unusually high, and in consequence, some villages in Guntoor and Krosoor Talooks were inundated, fortunately unattended with loss of life, although a few houses were swept away. As a set off to this injury, the villages have benefitted by the deposit of alluvial soil left by the freshes.

9. The public health suffered from small-pox and fever, while murrain and other diseases prevailed amongst live stock.

10. Statement No. 2 will show that the prices of grains in the year under review do not exhibit any marked difference from that of last year except in Paddy and Cholum, the price of the former rose in sequence of a large exportation, while that of Cholum fell.

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Items.	Fusly 1277.		Relinquished in Fusly 1278.		Taken up in Fusly 1278.		Remission on full waste.		Net Demand.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Land.	Assessment.	Land.	Assessment.	Land.	Assessment.	Land.	Assessment.	Land.	Assessment.	Land.	Assessment.	Land.	Assessment.
	A. G.	RS. A. P.	A. G.	RS. A. P.	A. G.	RS. A. P.	A. G.	RS. A. P.	A. G.	RS. A. P.	A. G.	RS. A. P.	A. G.	RS. A. P.
Dry	5,51,199 15	10,01,888 5 4	9,009 9	15,085 2 10	15,488 18	23,274 8 5	....	....	5,57,673 24	10,09,622 10 11	6,474 9	8,239 5 7	....	....
Wet	33,727 8	2,03,841 14 4	6,881 14	37,931 9 9	2,655 29	14,903 9 8	1,251 2	7,117 13 0	28,250 21	1,73,696 0 10	... ...	....	5,476 27	30,145 13 6
Total...	5,84,926 23	12,05,225 3 8	15,890 23	52,966 12 7	18,139 7	38,178 1 8	1,251 2	7,117 13 0	5,85,924 5	11,83,318 11 9	6,474 9	8,239 5 7	5,476 27	30,145 13 6
									Net increase.	....	997 22	Net decrease.	....	21,906 7 11
Deduct Usual remissions.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	17,938 3 1	... ...	....	....	....
Remainder	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11,65,380 8 8	... ...	....	....	....
Fysaljasty	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3 0 0	... ...	....	....	....
Water rate on dry crops	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3,645 12 6	... ...	....	....	....
										11,69,029 5 2				

11. From the marginal Statement, it appears that there is an increase in cultivation of Acres 997-22, and a decrease of Rupees 21,906-7-0 in the assessment. This result is due to the relinquishment of a considerable extent of wet land and to the taking up of a much larger extent of dry land than in the preceding year. Of the Acres 15,890-23 entered as relinquished, Acres 2,597-26 were properly transfers, the absolute relinquishments amounting to Acres 13,292-37, assessed at Rupees 47,104-3-0 to balance which, there were taken up Acres 18,139-7, assessed at Rupees 38,178-1-8. Thus the total Land Revenue demand for the current Fusly was (Enclosure A), Rupees 11,86,967-8-3.

Enclosure B.

12. From this it will be seen that Cotton is cultivated chiefly in the Krosoor and Guntoor Talooks, and to a small extent in Bapatla Talook; the total area occupied under this product was Acres 77,285-8, assessed at Rs. 1,24,532-11-3, or an increase of Acres 2,475-8 in land, and of Rupees 3,929-11-3 in the assessment on the figures of the preceding year. This is attributable to the increased demand for this article.

Indigo.

13. The area under this was acres 6,137-8, assessed at Rupees 11,783-7-4, exhibiting an increase of Acres 592-8 in land, and of Rupees 2,504-7-4 in assessment; this is due to the high price which this article commands.

Enclosure C.

14. There is no system of Cowle in the Sub-Division.

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Enclosure D.

Area as per Survey.		Cultivation.		Assessment.		
Acres.	C.	Acres.	C	RS.	A.	P.
17	7	17	7	42	11	0

15. Shows that a ruined tank in the Nandirazupollum tank, village of Nandirazupollum, in the Krosoor Talook, was made over to private enterprize; the Ayacut, Cultivation, and Assessment are given in the margin. The tank has been partly repaired at a cost of Rupees 170, and it still requires some Rupees 170 to put it in proper order. This work will be executed after the monsoon is over.

Enclosure F.

16. Shows the wet ayacut and cultivation with the sources of irrigation as shown below:—

Items.	Ayacut.					Cultivation.				
	Land.		Assessment.			Land.		Assessment.		
	A.	G.	RS.	A.	P.	A.	G.	RS.	A.	P.
Under Kistna channels	38,015	...	2,17,803	0	0	23,904	...	1,40,220	0	0
Under Tanks, &c.	8,476	...	60,534	0	0	5,598	...	40,596	0	0
Total...	46,491	...	2,78,337	0	0	29,502	...	1,80,916	0	0

17. Statement No. 4, of which an abstract is given below, will show the details of remissions granted during this year compared with the preceding year:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.			Decrease.		
Uusual Remissions.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Vaudra	3,678	7	11	3,549	0	7	......	...	...	129	7	4
2. Do. of Curnums	2,845	13	10	2,720	15	3	......	...	...	124	14	7
3. Salaries of Village Moonsiffs ...	4,595	3	2	4,575	15	1	......	...	...	19	4	1
4. Curnums Baratams	280	0	0	280	0	0	......	...	...	......	...	...
Total Decrease...	11,399	8	11	11,125	14	11	......	...	...	273	10	0
Temporary Remissions.												
5. Remission (partial) on full waste and stala cummee or partial waste.	170	12	8	451	15	5	281	2	9	......	...	...
6. Inundated	77	12	2	......	...	...	......	...	...	77	12	2
7. Loss of crop	12,210	3	8	6,360	4	9	......	...	...	5,849	14	11
Total..	12,458	12	6	6,812	4	2	281	2	9	5,927	11	1
8. Remission on account of temporary failure of irrigation	176	13	7	......	...	...	......	...	...	176	13	7
Total...	12,635	10	1	6,812	4	2	281	2	9	6,104	8	8
Grand Total...	24,035	3	0	17,938	3	1	281	2	9	6,378	2	8
Deduct Increase...	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...	281	2	9
Net Decrease...	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...	6,096	15	11

18. From the foregoing abstract it will be seen that under the head of usual remissions, there was a decrease of Rupees 273-10-0, as detailed below:—

Item No. 1—Rupees 129-7-4.

This is owing to the cultivation on full tirwa of lands hitherto held by parties at favorable rates (Vaudra) the said holders having died.

Item No. 2—Rupees 124-14-7.

Certain Village Offices renumerated on the system of Vaudra or favorable assessment, fell vacant, and not being filled up, the lands were cultivated on full assessment.

Item No. 3—Rupees 19-4-1.

Is owing to the salaries not having been disbursed on account of the offices being vacant.

Item No. 5—Rupees 281-2-9.

The increase of Rupees 281-2-9 is owing to the tanks of Mutloor Village not being pro-

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vided with a supply channel. Moreover this year the fall of rain was less than last year, and consequently the wet cultivation suffered in proportion.

Item No. 6—Rupees 77-12-2. This decrease is owing to there being no loss from this cause this year.

Item No. 7—Rupees 5,849-14-11. This large decrease is in consequence of the more favorable nature of the season.

Item No. 8—Rupees 176-13-7. Last year this remission was given for certain lands which were left uncultivated, owing to a sluice being out of repair ; this year the sluice was put in order, and no remission was necessary ; hence the decrease.

19. Statement No. 5 shows the demand on account of Land Revenue and other miscellaneous items, Collection, Remission and Balance for Fusly 1278, as compared with Fusly 1277. The demand under this head for this year was less than that for last year by Rupees 6,063-4-0.

Items.	Demand for Fusly 1277.	Current Demand.			Collections with in the Fusly.	Remission.	Total.	Balance.	Comparison of columns 2 and 4. Decrease.
		Arrears.	Current.	Total.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Land Revenue } Miscellaneous. }	71,912 2 3	15,611 2 1	65,848 14 8	81.460 0 4	67,095 6 10	1,096 11 8	68,192 2 6	13,267 13 10	6,063 4 0

20. The causes of decrease and increase under this head are given below, with the different items in which they occur.

Decrease.—Rupees 12,351-11-1. Cultivation subsequent to the Jummahbundy. This decrease is owing to the smaller extent of land cultivated after the close of the Jummahbundy.

Tope-rents.—Rupees 224-14-8. This decrease is due to the abolition of tax on Palmyra trees in Bapatla Talook, and to some Tamarind topes not being rented out as usual this year.

Assessment on resumed Inams.—Rupees 223-0-1. No Inam has been resumed this year.

Sale of Lanka lands.—Rupees 366-8-0. No islands have newly formed this year.

Inam Water rate.—Rupees 1,349-9-7. The decrease under this item is in consequence of certain Inamdars having declined to take Government water as they intended to convert their wet lands into dry.

Revenue fines...	... Rupees	287	12	2
Sale proceeds of village sites...	... ,,	106	0	0
Sundry items	... ,,	23	6	8
		14,933	14	3

Call for no remark.

Increase.—Wild Cheyroot.—Rs. 3,289-0-0. The increase under this item is owing to the privilege of collecting Cheyroot having been rented out this year, whereas last year owing to a bad season, no renting out took place.

Porumboke cultivation.—Rs. 2,218-1-2. This increase is owing to the occupation without permission of a larger extent of land in this than in the last year.

Pullary or Grazing-tax.—Rs. 2,610-10-11. This is attributable to the higher rents paid for grazing lands in the Krosoor and Bapatla Talooks.

Inam Quit-rent.—Rupees 188-3-9. The Inams which were under investigation before the Inam Commissioner having been settled, fresh title-deeds were issued, and quit-rent charged.

Sundry items.—Rupees 194-3-5. Does not call for any particular remarks.

Soapnuts.—Rupees 425-7-0. This year a special establishment was organised to protect the jungles from injury by cattle, &c., consequently higher rents were obtained from the contractors.

This increase being set off against the decrease of Rupees 14,933-14-3, the net decrease amounts to Rupees 6,063-4-0.

Number of Agraharams.	Current demand including arrears.	Collection including arrears.	Balance. Arrears.	Balance. Current.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
52	8,678 1 0	8,478 5 9	16 4 6	183 6 9

21. Statement No. 6 shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance on account of Shrotriem, Jody or Quit-rent on Agraharam Villages for the current fusly, including arrears as per margin.

	Items.	Demand for Fusly 1278.	Collection within the fusly and subsequently to 31st July 1869.	Balance.	Arrears.	Collections.	Remission.	Balance.
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Land Revenue ...	Ryotwary	11,94,085 5 8	11,89,326 5 0	4,759 0 3	9,895 3 0	6,318 8 9	1,980 0 3	1,596 10 0
	Shrotriem...	8,608 0 4	8,511 12 4	96 4 0	70 0 8	53 7 5	0 4 9	16 4 6
	Miscellaneous ...	65,848 14 3	63,051 2 9	2,797 11 6	15,611 2 1	4,984 10 8	1,096 11 8	9,529 11 9
	Total...	12,68,542 8 10	12,60,889 4 1	7,652 15 9	25,576 5 9	11,356 10 10	3,077 0 8	11,142 10 8
Other Sources ...	Abkarry	49,655 0 0	49,655 0 0	....	878 6 8	....	....	878 6 8
	Stamps	48,363 13 0	48,363 13 0	....	......	....	....	....
	Road Cess	53,865 0 7	52,618 12 1	1,251 4 6	2,828 13 4	2,679 2 11	....	149 10 5
	Ferry rents	1,219 12 0	1,219 12 0	....	......	....	....	....
	Total...	1,53,103 9 7	1,51,852 5 1	1,251 4 6	3,707 4 0	2,679 2 11	....	1,028 1 1
	Grand Total...	14,21,645 13 5	14,12,741 9 2	8,904 4 8	29,283 9 9	14,035 13 9	3,092 6 1	12,170 11 4

22. From the Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement No. 7, it will be seen that the total demand on account of all sources of revenue for the fusly under report was Rupees 14,21,645-13-5, of which Rupees 14,09,425-13-7 were collected within the fusly, and Rupees 3,315-11-7 subsequently, up to the end of July 1869, leaving a balance of Rupees 8,904-4-3 for the non-realisation of part of which, particular reasons are assigned below. Of the uncollected balance (current) of Rupees 8,904-4-3, the collection of the following sums is suspended for reasons given—

Rupees 229-12-3 On account of lands taken up for channels and roads.

Rupees 135-3-2 Water cess on certain dry lands now under inquiry.

Rupees 102-0-0 Arrears of quit-rent on an Inam under attachment under inquiry before the Collector.

Rupees 79-7-10 Bediga on certain Inams for which title-deeds were not issued.

Rupees 37-13-1 On account of Inams relinquished by the holders which are under inquiry by the Inam Commissioner.

Rupees 460-8-11 On account of Ghattutumala on certain Inams which the holders objected to pay, pending inquiry.

Rupees 35-0-8 On account of sundry items under inquiry.

Rupees 4,772-13-10 This sum is in process of recovery.

Rupees 378-2-5 Amount to be received from the Civil Court on account of lands under their attachment.

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Rupees 371-1-6	Balance due from ryots, too poor to pay; the lands and movable property of the defaulters were sold, but the proceeds did not cover the arrears.
Rupees 37 8 4	Amount ordered to be remitted after the demand was closed.
Rupees 144 0 0	Usual Baratums of Curnums remitted every year from the arrear.
Rupees 85 0 4	Difference of rate of assessment annually remitted to the Curnums of Santarevur village.
Total... 6,818 8 4	
Balance... 2,085 11 11	

For the realisation of the remaining balance, prompt measures are being taken.

23. Statement No. 7 shows the amount of arrears, collection, and balance on account of former fuslies too.

Statement No. 8 shows the amount of arrears on all sources of Revenue from Fusly 1263 to 1277, together with the collections both within the fusly under review, and subsequently in July, as well as the balance classed as "Recoverable," "Irrecoverable" and "Doubtful" the amount of remission granted being separately shown.

24. On reference to the subjoined Statement, it will be seen that the amount of arrears at the commencement of Fusly 1278 was Rupees 25,576-5-9, of which Rupees 11,341-5-5 were realised within the fusly, and Rupees 15-5-5 subsequently up to 31st July last; the remission granted was Rupees 3,077-0-8. The adjusted arrears thus amount to Rupees 14,418-6-1, leaving a balance of Rupees 11,142-10-3.

Items.	Arrears due at the commencement of Fusly 1278.	Deduct.			Balance.	Of which.		
		Collection within the Fusly and subsequently up to 31st July 1869.	Remission.	Total.		Recoverable.	Irricoverable.	Doubtful.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1. Ryotwar...	9,895 8 0	6,818 8 9	1,980 0 3	8,298 9 0	1,596 10 0	662 8 4	851 6 1	88 0 7
2. Shrotriem.	70 0 8	53 7 5	0 4 9	53 12 2	16 4 6	16 4 6	....	....
3. Land Revenue Miscellaneous.	15,611 2 1	4,984 10 8	1,096 11 8	6,081 6 4	9,529 11 9	1,012 5 3	7,295 3 5	1,222 3 1
Total...	25,576 5 9	11,356 10 10	3,077 0 8	14,433 11 6	11,142 10 3	1,690 13 1	8,146 9 6	1,305 3 8

25. Of the unadjusted balance classed as doubtful, a portion appertains to Inams requiring settlement by the Inam Commissioner. As regards the remainder, measures will be taken for its speedy disposal. Rupees 1,679-14-7 were ordered to be collected and Rupees 8,145-8-6 have been recommended to be written off as irrecoverable.

26. The accounts of a selected number of the villages in the three talooks of the Sub-Division were examined, among which, those of the village of Ipurupollum were found to be defective, indeed almost all the accounts both for the fusly under review and for the one before were not prepared by the Curnums, owing to dissensions among them; after inquiry into the manner of preparing the

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accounts, my predecessor to make an example, dismissed the three Curnums of that village from office : at the same time peremptory instructions were issued for the future guidance of Curnums.

27. As regards the arrangement of the records, I beg to refer you to the letter of my predecessor, dated 18th May last, No. 48.

GUNTOOR, (Signed) B. HORSBRUGH,
7th August 1869. Acting Sub-Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

NELLORE.

I HAVE the honor to submit the Jummahbundy Report for Fusly 1278, together with the usual Statements and the Reports of the Sub-Collector and Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department.

Villages at which the Settlement was made.

2. The following abstract shows the villages at which the Jummahbundy was made, the time occupied in the Settlement of each talook, and the names of the officers who conducted the Jummahbundy.

By whom the Jummahbundy was made.	Names of Talooks.	Names of Villages	Time occupied.
J. W.B. Dykes, Esq., Collector, and C. J. Knox, Esq., Assistant Collector.	Nellore.......	Allur.	27th Jan. to 1st Feb. 1869.
		Kakupalli.	5th and 6th do.
		Nellore.	7th to 28th do.
	Gudur.	Krishnapatnam.	18th to 29th March 1869.
		Dugarazupatnam.	16th Apr. to 4th May 1869.
J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector.	Kavali.	Kavali and Isakapalli.	30th Mar. to 3rd Apr. 1869. 9th to 27th May 1869.
J. C. Hughesdon, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector.	Kandukur. ...	Ramapatam.	15th Jan. to 2nd Feb. 1869.
		Singarayakonda.	4th to 15th March 1869.
	Kanigiri.........	Mogallur.	21st to 27th April 1869.
	Ongole.........	Addanki.	5th to 13th May 1869.
		Kottapatnam.	16th to 25th do.
H. E. Stokes, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector.	Udayagiri......	Nandipad.	8th to 15th March 1869.
C. Cundasami, Mudaliar, Deputy Collector of Naidupett.	Rapur.	Rapur.	8th to 23rd March 1869.
		Chaganam.	24th Mar. to 18th Apr. 1869.
	Atmakur. ...	Atmakur.	21st Apr. to 10th May 1869.
		Devarayapalli.	11th to 22nd May 1869.

(1.) The Jummahbundy of the Kavali Talook was at first proposed to be made by the Acting Head Assistant Collector Mr. Knox. But he had to take charge of the Zillah Jail, and as there was no other officer available, Mr. Dykes found it necessary to take up the Jummahbundy himself. The state of his health prevented him exposing himself to the excessive heat of the Kavali Talook, and he selected Isakapalli, a village of the Nellore Talook, on the sea coast. The requisite examination of the accounts was, however, made at Kavali.

(2.) With this exception, each talook was settled within its own limits.

(3.) During the year under report, survey areas have been introduced into the Kavali Talook. Curnums areas remain in force in only one talook in the principal division, viz., Udayagiri, and in the three talooks of the sub-division.

Variation in the number and tenure of villages.

3. The village of Mannangidinne, in the Kavali Talook, having been restored to the Shrotriemdars, under Government Order, dated 12th September 1867, No. 2,152, communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 1st October 1867, No. 6,263; there is a decrease of one village

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under the head of Ryotwar, and a corresponding increase under the head of Shrotriem, as shown in the following abstract :—

	Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison. Increase.	Comparison. Decrease.	Remarks.
Ryotwar.	Smally's Surveyed Villages ...	86	86	......	......	These details might be omitted with advantage in future reports as the difference in the Revenue system of these villages exist only in name.
	Do. Makta do. ...	380	380	......	......	
	Traver's do. do. ...	127	127	......	.. ...	
	Settled by Mr. Stonehouse ...	74	74	......	......	
	Transferred from Kurnool ...	76	76	......	......	
	Do. do. Madras ...	47	47	......	......	
	Settled by Mr. Dykes ...	80	79	......	1	
	Total...	870	869	......	1	
Favorable tenure.	Shrotriems	295	296	1	......	
	Amarams	19	19	......	......	
	Kattubadi	8	8	......	......	
	Sarva Inam	12	12	......	......	
	Zemindary	967	967	......	......	
	Total..	1,301	1,302	1	......	
	Grand Total...	2,171	2,171	......	......	

4. Owing to the introduction of Puttah books for all Puttahdars whose holdings exceeded Rupees 50, and the granting of fresh puttahs to all whose holdings were within that sum, the total number of puttahs issued appears in column 4 of Statement No. 1. The following Statement shows the details of Puttah books and puttahs issued during the year under report.

	Talooks.	No. of Puttah books. From Rupees 50 and below Rupees 100.	No. of Puttah books. From Rupees 100 and upwards.	No. of Puttah books. Total No. of books.	No. of Puttahs under Rupees 50.	Total No.
Principal Division.	Gudur	930	570	1,500	8,014	9,514
	Rapur	196	51	247	6,006	6,253
	Nellore	1,222	877	2,099	11,842	13,941
	Atmakur...	572	139	711	11,874	12,585
	Kavali	378	185	563	6,362	6,925
	Udayagiri...	98	2	100	4,503	4,603
	Total...	3,396	1,824	5,220	48,601	53,821
Sub-Division.	Kandukur... ...	874	365	1,239	9,944	11,183
	Kanigiri	46	4	50	3,713	3,763
	Ongole	943	311	1,254	10,604	11,858
	Total...	1,863	680	2,543	24,261	26,804
	Grand Total...	5,259	2,504	7,763	72,862	80,625

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*1278...	80,625
1277...	79,151
Increase...	1,474

(1.) The number of puttahs issued in 1277, having been 79,151, there is an increase of 1474* in the number issued in 1278.

Season.

5. The season was upon the whole unfavorable, although an improvement on the previous year. The average fall of rain in each month is given below:—

Months.	Inches.	Months.	Inches.
1868 April...	......	1868 October	4·37
,, May...	0·59	,, November...	5·76
,, June...	7·64	,, December...	0·23
,, July...	2·55	1869 January	......
,, August.	1·92	,, February...	0·1
,, September...	1·70	,, March.	0·23
First half year......	14·40	Second half year...	10·60
		Total rain-fall for the year...	25·0

I entirely concur with what is stated by the Sub-Collector as to the utter untrustworthiness of these averages.

Sanitary state.

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
Cholera	10	6
Small-pox...	1,595	2,002
Fever	1,817	2,085
Ague	2,336	2,656
Other diseases...	10,189	11,813
	15,947	18,562

N. B.—The figure entered for Fusly 1277 does not tally with the entry given in the margin of paragraph 6 of the last Report, as the deaths shown in the Returns subsequently received, have been since included.

6. A Comparative Statement showing the deaths from various causes is entered in the margin. The district almost entirely escaped Cholera in Fusly 1278 as well as in the previous year. Small-pox, Ague and Fever prevailed more or less throughout the district. Cattle disease was also prevalent, but we have no Statistics showing the actual loss. Dr. Thacker's remedies were made use of in many cases.

Prices of Agricultural products.

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Cotton	102	116	14
Indigo	880	900	20

7. The prices of agricultural products were less than in the preceding year, as will be seen from the following abstract. The prices of Cotton and Indigo, however, show an increase of Rupees 14 and Rupees 20 per Bharuva, (20 maunds) respectively.

Products.	Average price per Madras garce for 10 years up to Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Percentage of columns 4 and 2.	Percentage of columns 4 and 3.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Paddy 1st sort	175	191	179	2	6
Do. 2nd sort	160	176	167	4	6
Cholum...	197	224	166	16	26
Cumboo...	177	198	159	10	20
Raggy	170	185	146	14	21
Horse-gram...	227	233	199	12	15

Ryots' holdings.

8. The Ryots' holdings at the beginning of the year under report comprised 8,45,441 acres assessed at Rupees 17,28,640. Deducting lands relinquished and adding lands taken up, the actual extent under occupation for the year amounted to acres 8,79,661 assessed at Rs. 17,70,336, showing an increase of 4 per cent. in the area, and 2 per cent. in the assessment. The details are given over leaf.

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Items.		Dry. Acres.	Dry. Rs.	Wet. Acres.	Wet. Rs.	Total. Acres.	Total. Rs.
Dry and wet lands held at the ordinary rates of assessment at the beginning of Fusly 1278.		6,50,447	8,37,088	1,94,944	8,91,632	8,45,441	17,28,640
Deduct							
"Lands resigned"	Relinquished and taken up by the same ryots afterwards ...	352	420	26	130	378	550
	Do. do. by other ryots do.	3,558	4,139	791	4,020	4,349	8,159
	Do. and remaining unoccupied	19,920	22,873	2,112	11,158	22,032	34,031
	Total...	23,830	27,432	2,929	15,308	26,759	42,740
Land sold or transferred.	Lands sold for arrears but purchased by Government for want of bidder	185	234	42	221	227	455
	Lands sold for arrears and purchased by ryots	71	90	75	334	146	424
	Lands transferred by one ryot to another	3,514	4,783	2,410	9,984	5,924	14,767
	Transferred to the head of Inam	14	8	240	1,374	254	1,382
	Transferred from dry to wet or wet to dry	1	1	232	678	233	679
	Reduction of assessment involved by charging the existing dry rate of assessment on lands under ruined tanks	......	28	......	......	......	28
	Total...	3,785	5,144	2,999	12,591	6,784	17,735
Lands become useless or appropriated for some public purposes.	Lands taken up for public purposes	22	26	1	3	23	29
	Excess charged and ordered to be deducted subsequently ...	61	102	11	43	72	145
	Land struck off the puttah in consequence of the adjustment of boundary disputes	29	28	2	10	31	38
	Total...	112	156	14	56	126	212
	Total deduction...	27,727	32,732	5,942	27,955	33,669	60,687
	Remainder...	6,22,720	8,04,276	1,89,052	8,63,677	8,11,772	16,67,953
Add							
Lands taken on Durkhast.	Lands taken up out of the area for which relinquishments were presented in 1278	3,910	4,559	817	4,150	4,727	8,709
	Lands taken up out of the unoccupied area	49,144	52,482	7,715	25,514	56,859	77,996
	Total...	53,054	57,041	8,532	29,664	61,586	86,705
Lands purchased or obtained by transfer.	Purchased or obtained by transfer...	3,585	4,873	2,485	10,318	6,070	15,191
	Transferred from one head to another head	232	484	1	3	233	487
	Total...	3,817	5,357	2,486	10,321	6,303	15,678
	Total addition...	56,871	62,398	11,018	39,985	67,889	1,02,383
	Total holding for 1278...	6,79,591	8,66,674	2,00,070	9,03,662	8,79,661	17,70,336

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(1.) The total area for which relinquishments were presented was 26,759, or 3 per cent. of the holdings against 4 per cent. in the preceding year. Only 378 acres were taken up by the same ryots, while 4,349 acres were taken up by other ryots, the extent relinquished outright being 22,032 acres.

(2.) The total extent taken up is 61,586 acres, or 7 per cent. on the total holdings. Deducting the land taken up out of the extent for which relinquishments were presented, the actual addition made to the holdings is 56,859 acres, nearly 6½ per cent.

Actual cultivation.

9. From the subjoined Statement, the Board will observe that the actual cultivation under the head of Dry, shows an increase of 8,287 acres assessed at Rupees 3,467 ; while under the head of Wet, there is likewise an increase of 2,127 acres in area, but a decrease of 2,428 Rupees in assessment. The second crop and additional assessment show an increase of Rupees 8,285 and 3,065 Rupees respectively, the net result being an increase of 10,414 acres assessed at Rupees 12,389, or 81 per cent. in the area, and 85 per cent. in the assessment.

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	5,44,229	7,20,061	5,52,516	7,23,528	8,287	3,467	......	......
Wet	1,55,310	7,14,862	1,57,437	7,12,434	2,127	......	......	2,428
Total...	6,99,539	14,34,923	7,09,953	14,35,962	10,414	1,039	......	......
Second crop assessment...	......	2,930	......	11,215	......	8,285	......	......
Additional do. ...	......	21,000	......	24,065	......	3,065	......	......
	6,99,539	14,58,853	7,09,953	14,71,242	10,414	12,389	......	......

Waste charged and remitted.

10. The total extent of land left waste was 1,79,708 acres assessed at Rupees 3,34,374, or 19 per cent. on the total holdings. A fifth of the waste land was remitted, and the remainder charged, as will be seen from the following Statement :—

Items.		Waste charged.		Waste remitted.		Total waste.	
		ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Entire fields left waste ...	Dry ...	1,01,628	1,15,840	4	8	1,01,532	1,15,848
	Wet ...	3,935	17,441	33,338	1,50,032	37,273	1,67,473
	Total...	1,05,463	1,33,281	33,342	1,50,040	1,38,805	2,83,321
Portions of fields left waste.	Dry ...	25,543	27,298	......	......	25,543	27,298
	Wet ...	3,173	14,770	2,187	8,985	5,360	23,755
	Total...	28,716	42,068	2,187	8,985	30,903	51,053
	Grand Total...	1,34,179	1,75,349	35,529	1,59,025	1,79,708	3,34,374

(1.) Remission was granted on only four acres of dry land. This is an annual remission on land taken up under the Tope Rules in the Sriharikota Division. 1,27,071 acres of dry land assessed at Rupees 1,43,138, were charged during the year under report.

(2.) Rupees 8,985 were remitted on parts of wet fields left waste for want of water when the fields measured 4 acres or upwards. In Fusly 1277, Mr. Boswell adopted 10 acres as the standard; but Mr. Dykes reduced it to 4 acres, so that no remission was granted when fields measuring less than 4 acres were left partly uncultivated.

(3.) The total extent of wet land left waste was 42,633 acres assessed at Rupees 1,91,228, of which 1,59,017 Rupees were remitted, and Rupees 7,108 charged as detailed below. The per-

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centage of remission was the same as in last year, and the only ground recognised for granting remission was failure of water.

Talooks.		Waste charged.			Waste remitted.			Per-centage of col. 4 on the wet area in occupation.	Per-centage of col. 7 on the total area in occupation.
		Whole fields.	Parts of fields	Total.	Whole fields.	Parts of fields	Total.		
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Principal Division.	Gudur ...	5,560	2,652	8,212	24,007	2,402	26,409	4	12
	Rapur ...	206	412	618	8,179	180	8,359	2	31
	Nellore ...	10,236	4,905	15,141	68,151	3,381	71,532	4	19
	Atmakur...	511	969	1,480	6,410	410	6,820	2	8
	Kavali ...	374	1,528	1,902	21,339	1,625	22,864	2	26
	Udayagiri	64	125	189	755	9	764	2	11
Sub-Division.	Kandukur	410	3,208	3,618	19,029	814	19,843	5	27
	Kanigiri ...	77	40	117	162	....	162	3	5
	Ongole ...	3	931	934	1,999	164	2,163	5	22
Total..		17,441	14,770	32,211	1,50,032	8,985	1,59,017	3	17

Particulars of Remission.

11. The particulars of remission are given in Statement No. 4, of which the following is an abstract:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Part Waste	9,222	8,985	......	237
Tirwa Cummi...	25,310	......	......	25,310
Allowance for Heads of Villages	367	322	......	45
Shavi...	140	18,094	17,954	......
Land ploughed but not cultivated	......	60	60	......
Total...	35,039	27,461	......	7,578

Part Waste.

(1.) The remission under this head has already been explained.

Tirwa Cummi.

(2.) This remission was allowed in 1277 as a special case on wet lands cultivated with dry crops for want of water.

Allowance for Heads of Villages.

(3.) The small decrease of Rupees 45 under this head calls for no remark.

Shavi.

(4.) Shavi remission granted at Jummahbundy is 18,094 Rupees against Rupees 140 in the preceding year, showing an increase of 17,954 Rupees. Both amounts are nominal, as the figures do not include the amount remitted subsequent to the Jummahbundy. The marginal abstract shows the actual Shavi remissions in Fusly 1277 and 1278.

	Remitted at Jummahbundy.	Subsequently remitted.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Fusly 1277	140	68,207	68,347
" 1278	18,094	36,190	54,284

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Comparative Statement of Cultivation and Settlement.

12. The following is a Comparative Statement of Cultivation and Settlement:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS.		RS.
Dry...	6,50,447	8,37,007 12 7	6,79,591	8,66,674 4 1	29,144	29,666	......	......
Wet...	1,94,994	8,91,632 0 6	2,00,070	9,03,661 4 7	5,076	12,030	......	......
Total...	8,45,441	17,28,639 13 1	8,79,661	17,70,335 8 8	34,220	41,696	......	......
Add								
Second Crop Assessment...	......	2,930 2 0	......	11,215 5 8	......	8,285	......	......
Additional Assessment...	......	21,000 6 2	......	24,065 1 7	......	3,065	......	......
Water-tax	......	....	......	....	......	......	......	......
Road Fund...	......	78,090 6 7	......	1,36,588 2 10	......	58,498	......	......
Village Service Fund	......	1,018 7 2	......	1,011 8 11	......	......	......	7
Total...	......	18,31,679 3 0	......	19,43,215 11 8	......	1,11,544	......	7
Deduct								
Remissions...	......	1,43,922 6 10	......	15,039 6 0	......	6,117	......	......
Road Fund...	......	78,090 6 7	......	1,36,588 2 10	......	58,498	......	......
Village Service Fund	......	1,018 7 2	......	1,011 8 11	......	......	......	7
Other remission as per No. 4 Statement.	......	35,039 6 10	......	27,461 9 8	......	......	......	7,578
Total...	......	2,58,070 11 5	......	3,15,100 11 5	......	14,615	......	7,585
Remaining Beriz...	......	15,73,608 7 7	......	16,28,115 0 3	......	46,929	......	7,578
Add Miscellaneous items...	......	1,98,378 2 10	......	2,19,921 3 9	......	21,543	......	......
Total...	......	17,71,986 10 5	......	18,48,036 4 0	......	68,472	......	7,578

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Road Fund.

(1.) The increase of Rupees 58,498 under this head is nominal. The demand on the estates of Venkatagiri, &c., was not fixed when the last report was submitted, and has now been included in the figures for Fusly 1278. The details of the demand entered in the two years on account of the Road Fund, are given below for information.

Items.	Demand as per accounts of 1277.			Demand as per accounts of 1278.			
	Fusly 1276.	Fusly 1277.	Total.	Fusly 1276.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ryotwar...	......	49,033	49,033	......	......	50,736	50,736
Inams	9,687	19,370	29,057	42	85	19,217	19,344
Zemindary	......	......	.. ..	13,302	26,603	26,603	66,508
Total...	9,687	68,403	78,090	13,344	26,688	96,556	1,36,588

Village Service Fund.

(2.) The small decrease of Rupees 7 under this head needs no remark.

(3.) With the exception of "Miscellaneous Items," which will be referred to hereafter, variations in the other items have been already noticed.

The principal sources of irrigation in the district.

13. The subjoined Statement gives the details of the principal sources of irrigation in in the district.

Talooks.	Name of Irrigation works.	Total registered area.	Cultivation in Fusly 1278.		Revenue in Fusly 1278.
			Extent.	Assessment.	
Nellore	Anicut	46,418	38,057	1,50,777	1,58,201
	Kanigiri tank	15,145	8,699	30,010	30,674
	Davvuru tank	5,504	4,015	17,428	17,664
	Nellore tank	6,582	6,634	21,965	20,686
	Alluru large tank	6,952	4,521	16,961	16,961
	Rammanna do. tank... ...	1,278	618	2,362	1,725
	Veguru tank...	3,279	2,637	12,603	12,616
	Panchedu tank	1,596	1,262	6,096	5,443
	Vidavalur tank	2,133	1,929	8,089	8,120
	Kovuru tank.	1,383	688	4,161	4,272
	Chavukachlrla large tank ...	1,016	835	3,446	3,505
	Mudivarti large tank. ...	988	436	1,950	3,044
	Jalamanchi large tank ...	960	765	2,429	2,429
	Parlapalli tank	1,978	1,440	5,060	5,127
	Kodavalur tank	2,417	1,835	7,091	6,896
		51,211	36,314	1,39,651	1,39,172
Gudur	Gudur Marripalle Madugu ...	2,960	1,102	6,157	6,157
	Large tank	920	887	6,410	6,436
	Kolanukuduru large tank ...	1,835	863	4,463	4,463
	Kota Pennaka Cheruvu ...	1,665	1,314	5,770	5,786
	Yeruru tank...	1,527	746	2,821	2,842
	Chennuru large tank. ...	1,446	312	1,482	3,110
	Kannupuru large tank ...	1,660	1,046	5,024	5,099
	Yellasiri large tank. ...	1,107	937	5,302	5,302
	Idunepalli large tank. ...	1,496	482	1,933	1,976
		14,636	7,689	39,362	41,171

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Talooks.	Name of Irrigation works.	Total registered area.	Cultivation in Fusly 1878. Extent.	Cultivation in Fusly 1878. Assessment.	Revenue in Fusly 1278.
Atmakur	Anantasagaram tank.. ...	2,404	2,357	10,086	10,130
	Atmakur tank.	2,509	2,224	8,080	8,080
	Malimalur tank	1,591	1,514	6,012	6,156
	Kaluvaya tank.	1,802	1,649	8,582	8,627
	Vasili tank	3,148	2,842	9,692	9,846
		11,454	10,586	42,452	42,847
Kavali	Kavali Zuturu tank... ...	3,361	1,332	4,936	5,058
	Large tank	2,014	1,465	6,985	7,058
	Bramhanakraka	....	....	....	....
	Anamakondapalem tank ...	1,547	842	3,503	3,705
	Kakamma tank	565	393	1,519	1,519
	Mungamuru tank	1,450	1,252	4,331	5,074
	Annavaram tank	1,298	1,298	4,839	4,858
	Zaladanki tank.	1,126	733	3,766	3,842
	Gattupalli large tank. ...	1,348	809	2,153	2,208
	Kadanutala tank	728	620	2,762	2,794
		13,437	8,744	35,294	36,116
Rapur	Rapur large tank	503	220	1,554	1,598
Kandukur... ...	Mopati tank...	1,439	886	5,562	5,883
	Machavaram tank	1,717	1,061	6,720	7,078
	Chevuru tank	828	460	2,266	2,335
	Binginipalli tank	485	375	2,317	2,356
		4,469	2,782	16,865	17,652
Ongole	Alluru Bavaya tank	398	345	2,396	2,485
	Total tanks...	1,42,526	1,04,837	4,28,351	4,39,242
	River Channels.				
Gudur	Gunupadu Channel	218	165	857	857
	Kota Panta Channel... ...	1,069	953	4,211	4,254
Atmakur	Viruru Channel	1,412	1,380	7,173	7,546
	Turpukambhampadu Channel.	924	1,036	4,934	5,952
		3,623	3,534	17,175	18,609
	Grand Total...	1,46,149	1,08,371	4,45,526	4,57,851

Ruined tanks.

14. No ruined tanks have been made over to ryots during the year under report.

Cultivation of special products.

15. The following Statement shows the extent of land cultivated with special products :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Sugar-cane	32	22	....	10
Cotton.	33,385	28,201	....	5,184
Indigo.	13,541	18,531	4,990	....
Total... ...	46,958	46,754	....	204

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(1.) According to the monthly Returns, the extent of land cultivated with Cotton and Indigo is 22,032 and 18,190 acres. The difference* of 6,169 acres in the area cultivated with Cotton, and of 341 acres in the area cultivated with Indigo, is owing to the monthly Returns of the Atmakur Talook having been incorrectly prepared.

	Cotton.	Indigo.
* According to Jummahbundy Return ...	28,201	18,531
According to monthly do. ...	22,032	18,190
Difference...	6,169	341

Abstract Statement of the General Land Revenue Settlement.

16. The general results of the Land Revenue Settlement are compared in the following abstract with those of Fusly 1277 :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Land in occupation at the ordinary rates of assessment	17,28,640	17,70,336	41,696	....
Deduct remission on entire fields left waste.	1,43,923	1,50,040	6,117	....
Remainder...	15,84,717	16,20,296	35,579	....
Second crop assessment	2,930	11,215	8,285	....
Additional assessment	21,000	24,065	3,065	....
Total...	16,08,647	16,55,576	46,929	....
Deduct remissions as per Statement No. 4.	35,039	27,461	....	7,578
Remainder...	15,73,608	16,28,115	54,507	....
Add.				
Shrotriems	83,919	84,729	810	....
Peishcush	4,24,624	4,22,659	....	1,965
Miscellaneous.	1,98,378	2,19,921	21,543	....
Total...	7,06,921	7,27,309	20,388	....
Grand Total...	22,80,529	23,55,424	74,895	....

Shrotriems.

(1.) The increase of Rupees 810 under Shrotriems is owing to the restoration of Mannangidinne to the Shrotriemdars as already stated.

Peishcush.

(2.) The decrease of Rupees 1,965 under this head is owing to the permanent deduction made from the Peishcush of the Venkatagiri estate, under Government Order, dated 11th December 1868, No. 3,082, communicated with Board's Proceedings of the 16th idem, No. 8,822.

(3.) The only other item requiring explanation is "Miscellaneous," the details of which are given in Statement No. 5. The causes of fluctuations in the component items are noticed below :—

Jodi on Sundry Inams.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	80,211
,, 1278	79,505
Decrease...	706

1st.—There is a decrease of Rupees 706 under this head. The figures for 1277 have been found incorrect in some cases, and the figures now entered for 1278 are correct.

Grazing Tax.

12th.—The demand under this head is Rupees 35,157 against Rupees 24,151, and the increase of Rupees 11,006 is owing to the pasture farms having been let towards the end of Fusly 1277, and consequently for smaller sums than they fetched in 1278.

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Water-tax on Zemindary, Inam, &c. lands.

46th.—The Water-tax on Zemindary, &c. land in Fusly 1278 is Rupees 7,891, or Rupees 4,132 in excess of the amount charged in the previous year. As required by the Board in their Proceedings, No. 2,070, dated 31st March 1869, a Statement showing the revenue derived during the last five years from second crop and additional assessment on Inam lands has been submitted to the Board with letter dated 24th instant, No. 1,652. The details of Rupees 7,891 credited in the Accounts during the year under report are given in the margin, for information.

	RS
Water-tax on dry Inams converted to wet	4,339
Do. charged on wet Inams irrigated in excess of the grant...	1,541
Talavadam Cess in Kanigiri Talook	78
Second crop assessment on wet Inams	1,202
Water-tax on Shrotriem Villages.	394
Do. Zemindary lands...	209
Total...	7,763
Tirwajasti charged on Garden lands	128
Total...	7,891

Russums collected from Zemindars.

49th.—The Russums collected from Zemindars in 1278 is Rupees 10,294, showing a decrease of Rupees 96, as shown below :—

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Pellur...	7,700	7,700	.....
Palnad...	1,928	1,928	......
Desayi...	395	395	......
Chundi...	271	271	......
Bhalarao...	96	......	96
	10,390	10,294	96

The sum of Rupees 96 hitherto credited in the accounts as Bhalaraos' Katnam and collected from the Zemindar of Muttyallapad, has been struck off the demand at the request of the Officiating Inam Commissioner expressed in his letter dated 22nd December 1868, No. 646.

The fluctuations in the items specified in the following abstract do not call for any notice.

No.	Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
6	Land cultivated but not included in the Jummahbundy... ...	13,694	8,776
7	Concealed cultivation...	314	113
16	Collections from Village Service Inams for offices vacant... ...	40	0
17	Revenue from sequestered Inams...	117	40
22	Honey-rent...	38	47
23	Wax do.	6	5
25	Chunam Shell-rent...	6,300	6,300
29	Rent on Palmyra trees	865	708
30	Do. on Soap nut trees...	1,015	1,050
31	Do. on Fruit trees...	1,512	981
32	Do. on Cheyroot...	1,014	2,074
33	Do. on Medicinal roots...	557	727
40	Commission on the sale of distrained property attached for arrears...	246	709
41	Do. on Private estates	13	0
43	Revenue fines...	1,989	1,443
44	Savings and refunds...	262	0
45	Excess collection over the demand...	106	17
47	Quit-rent on Bungalows and Gardens...	157	157
	Total...	28,245	23,147

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Other items.

51st.—The details of the other items are given in the subjoined Memorandum showing a net increase of Rupees 12,305.

No.	Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
		RS.	RS.
1	Cultivation of land without permission...	1,579	9,772
2	Rattan and Koray-rent...	165	300
3	Sale proceeds of Palmyra trees	2,267	3,106
4	Do. of other trees...	10,452	14,154
5	Rent of Tangedu...	183	347
6	Stalakarnum Russums...	15,530	16,023
7	Excess on Inams...	1,336	104
8	Urtawar Russums	10,317	10,967
9	Chittetiwar do.	4,299	4,553
10	Bhalsrao do.	4,076	3,471
11	Turravur do.	800	800
12	Adurwar do.	53	53
13	Proceeds from the cultivation of Yanadies in Sriharikota... ...	116	81
14	Do. from lands resold...	449	0
15	Savings out of indents sanctioned for the batta, &c. to Sriharikota Yanadies...	0	196
	Total...	51,622	63,927
	Net Increase...	....	12,305

Sundry sources of Revenue.

17. There is a net increase of Rs. 69,034 under the head of sundry sources of revenue, as detailed in the subjoined abstract.

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Abkarry	84,830	79,340	....	5,490
License-tax...	16,643	39,418	22,775	....
Income-tax...	....	586	586	....
Sea Custom	233	468	235	....
Land Custom	....	....	....	....
Salt	10,78,855	11,02,223	23,368	....
Stamps	97,313	1,24,873	27,560	....
Total...	12,77,874	13,46,908	69,034	....

Abkarry.

(1.) The decrease of Rupees 5,490 is owing to the farms as shown below having been let at smaller sums for Fusly 1278, than for the preceding fusly.

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Nellore...	35,100	33,700	1,400
Gudur...	14,800	12,046	2,754
Atmakur	6,300	5,900	400
Udayagiri	4,000	3,100	900
Total...	....	....	5,454
Miscellaneous	230	194	36
Total...	....	....	5,490

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License-tax.

(2.) The increase of Rupees 22,775 under this head is owing to the collections made under Act IX. of 1868 having been credited to the accounts of the year under report.

Income-tax.

(3.) The sum of Rupees 586, shown under this head, is the tax collected on salaries under part II. of Act IX. of 1869. The Act was not fully brought into operation in consequence of delay in the receipt of translations of the Act.

Sea Custom.

IV. The Revenue under this head shows an increase of Rupees 235. The Salt Deputy Collector in paragraph 16 of his Report, refers to the Revenue from Sea Customs, as exhibiting a decrease of Rupees 192. This apparent discrepancy arises from the fact that Rupees 213, though forming part of the collections of Fusly 1277, were not carried to account till the fusly under report.

The following is an abstract showing the imports and exports in juxta position.

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Imports...	8,86,257	6,39,619	....	2,46,638
Exports...	6,57,020	7,63,746	1,06,726	....
Total...	15,43,277	14,03,365	....	....

Drift wood.

(5.) In paragraph 18 of the Deputy Collector's Report, the sale proceeds of drift wood are referred to as exhibiting an increase of Rupees 1,781 over the collections of Fusly 1277.

Salt.

(6.) The increase of Rupees 23,368 under the head of Salt is attributed to the great reduction made in the price of old salt at Varini and Gogulapalli in Fusly 1277.

The quantity of salt in hand at the beginning of the fusly was 12¼ lacs of Indian maunds. Adding the quantity received into store during the year, and deducting the sales, we have at the end of the fusly nearly 11 lacs.

Stamp.

(7.) The Stamp Revenue shows an increase of Rupees 27,560.

General Fiscal results.

18. The demand on land and sundry sources of revenue is compared in the following abstract with the demand of the preceding year:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Peishcush	4,24,624	4,22,659	....	1,965
Shrotriems	80,105	80,915	810	....
Amarams	3,487	3,487	....	....
Kattubadi	327	327	....	....
Total...	83,919	84,729	810	....
Ryotwary	15,73,608	16,28,115	54,507	....
Miscellaneous	1,98,378	2,19,921	21,543	....
Total...	22,80,529	23,55,424	74,895	....
Abkarry...	84,830	79,340	....	5,490
Total...	23,65,359	24,34,764	69,405	....
License-tax	16,643	39,418	22,775	....
Income-tax	....	586	586	....
Salt	1 0,78,855	11,02,223	23,368	....
Sea Custom...	233	468	235	....
Land Custom	....	....	....	....
Stamps...	97,313	1,24,873	27,560	....
Total...	11,93,044	12,67,568	74,524	....
Grand Total...	35,58,403	37,02,332	1,43,929	....

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The Demand, Collection, and Balance of the current Revenue.

19. The following Statement shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of the current Revenue.

Items.	Demand.	Collections within the Fusly.	Subsequent collections up to the end of July 1869.	Total Collections.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Land Revenue	23,55,424	18,23,846	3,17,572	21,41,418	2,14,006
Sundry sources	13,46,908	13,32,565	1,822	13,34,387	12,521
Total...	37,02,332	31,56,411	3,19,394	34,75,805	2,26,527

(1.) The balance of Land Revenue outstanding is Rupees 2,14,006 or 9 per cent. on the demand as in last fusly.

(2.) Of this balance, Rupees 36,190 are irrecoverable, being Shavi remissions granted subsequent to Jummahbundy. The Talookwar details of the balance are given below, and sanction is requested to write off the same.

Talooks.	Shavi.			Part waste charged at Jummahbundy and remitted subsequently in consequence of the cultivated portion having become Shavi.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Gudur	5,442	6	10	123	14	7	5,566	5	5
Rapur	139	15	5	......	...	...	139	15	5
Nellore	15,170	12	4	219	1	8	15,389	14	0
Kavali	12,227	15	8	......	...	...	12,227	15	8
Ongole	2,865	10	1	......	...	...	2,865	10	1
Total...	35,846	12	4	343	0	3	36,189	12	7

(3.) Deducting Shavi remission, the Land Revenue balance outstanding on the 31st July 1869, amounted to Rupees 1,77,816, (or 8 per cent.) as detailed below :—

	RS.
Peishcush	1,000
Shrotriems	7,278
Ryotwar...	1,17,883
Miscellaneous	51,655
Total...	1,77,816

(4.) The sum of Rupees 1,000 outstanding under the head of Peishcush, is due by the Zemindar of Muttyalapad. Ord ers have been issued to collect the same at once with the interest due thereon.

(5.) The attention of the Tahsildars has been already directed to the speedy collection of the balance outstanding against these respective talooks. I have no doubt that a considerable portion has been collected during the current month, and the matter will not be lost sight of.

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(6.) Of Rupees 12,521 outstanding under the head of Sundry sources, Rupees 11,889 are due on account of Abkarry, and Rupees 632 on account of the License-tax. The Abkarry renters invested their deposits in the Savings Bank; and the books which were sent to the Accountant General's Office have been returned only recently. The requisite adjustments are being made, and the balance, if any, will be collected at once.

	RS.
Gudur	16
Nellore	186
Kandukur	128
Ongole	64
Total...	344*
Ongole	200
Kandukur	88
Total...	288 †

(7) Of Rupees 632 due on account of the License-tax, Rupees 344* are irrecoverable, in consequence of the death, absence, or poverty of the persons assessed in the first instance. The remaining sum of Rupees 288† is outstanding in the talooks of Ongole and Kandukur, and the Acting Sub-Collector has been requested to dispose of the balance at once. I now request sanction to write off Rupees 344 referred to.

The Demand, Collection, and Balance of arrears of revenue.

20. The Demand, Collection, and Balance of the arrears of revenue are exhibited in the following abstract:—

Items.	Balance on the 1st July 1868.	Collections up to the 30th June 1869.	Subsequent collections up to 31st July 1869.	Total Collections.	Remission.	Balance on 1st August 1869.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Peishcush	1,849 2 3	1,849 2 3	... ...	1,849 2 3	... ...	... ...
Shrotriems	20,338 4 3	18 252 8 9	9 0 0	18,261 8 9	203 11 6	1,873 0 0
Ryotwar	2,94,903 13 0	2,09,354 15 4	88 15 9	2,09,443 15 1	19,409 5 9	66,050 8 2
Miscellaneous...	90,128 7 3	74,332 6 10	35 13 5	74,368 4 3	7,299 10 11	8,460 8 1
Total... ...	4,07,219 10 9	3,03,789 1 2	133 13 2	3,03,922 14 4	26,912 12 2	76,384 0 3
Abkarry	32,011 5 8	18,430 15 11	... ...	18,430 15 11	3,300 0 0	10,280 5 9
Total... ...	4,39,231 0 5	3,22,220 1 1	133 13 2	3,22,353 14 3	30,212 12 2	86,664 6 0

(1.) The balance of Rupees 86,664-6-0 consists of Rupees 80,996-14-0 outstanding on account of the last Fusly 1277, and of Rupees 5,667-8-0 remaining uncollected out of Rs. 7,559-3-0, entered in the last Jummahbundy Report as recoverable arrears.

Comparative abstract of collections.

21. The following Statement shows the collections both under arrears and current revenue in comparison with Fusly 1277.

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Comparison.	
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Peishcush	1,700	4,23,623	4,25,323	1,849	4,21,659	4,23,508	......	1,815
Shrotriems ...	15,610	76,011	91,621	18,262	77,451	95,713	4,092	......
Ryotwar	1,98,455	14,26,147	16,24,602	2,09,444	14,74,539	16,83,983	59,381	......
Miscellaneous ...	86,139	1,50,298	2,36,437	74,368	1,67,770	2,42,138	5,701	......
	3,01,904	20,76,079	23,77,983	3,03,923	21,41,419	24,45,342	67,359	......
Abkarry	15,330	71,075	86,405	18,431	67,451	85,882	......	523
License-tax ...	......	16,643	16,643	......	38,786	38,786	22,143	......
Income-tax ...	......	......	......	......	586	586	586	......
Salt	......	10,78,855	10,78,855	......	11,02,223	11,02,223	23,368	......
Sea Custom ...	......	233	233	......	468	468	235	......
Land Custom ...	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Stamps	......	97,313	97,313	......	1,24,873	1,24,873	7,560	......
	15,330	12,64,119	12,79,449	18,431	13,34,387	13,52,818	73,369	......
	3,17,234	33,40,198	36,57,432	3,22,354	34,75,806	37,98,160	1,40,728	......

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Recommendation in regard to the irrecoverable arrears.

22. The following abstract shows the particulars of the remission for this year out of the balance of Rupees 86,664-6-0, referred to in paragraph 20.

Items.	Balance on 1st August 1869.			Recoverable.			Doubtful.			Irrecoverable.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Shrotriems	1,873	0	0	1,873	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ryotwar	66,050	8	2	485	9	0	...	...	...	65,564	15	2
Miscellaneous	8,460	8	1	4,592	13	1	67	12	8	3,799	14	4
Total...	76,384	0	3	6,951	6	1	67	12	8	69,364	13	6
Abkarry	10,280	5	9	2,096	1	6	...	...	...	8,184	4	3
Total...	86,664	6	0	9,047	7	7	67	12	8	77,549	1	9

Details of the recoverable arrears.

23. The details of Rupees 9,047-7-7 entered as recoverable are given below :—

Shrotriems.

(1.) Of Rupees 1,873 outstanding under the head of Shrotriems, Rupees 2 have been since collected in this month, and the remainder (Rupees 1,871) due by the Gangulawar Poligar will be made the subject of a separate report.

Ryotwar.

(2.) The fasliwar details of Rs. 485-9-0 outstanding under ryotwar are entered below :—

Talooks.	Fusly 1273.			Fusly 1274.			Fusly 1276.			Fusly 1277.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Gudur	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	7	31	14	10	33	2	5
Rapur	...	...	...	6	8	0	...	...	...	39	0	6	45	8	6
Atmakur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	6	3	37	6	3
Kavali	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	4	11	205	10	1	211	15	0
Udayagiri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	2	0	18	2	0
Kandukur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	107	14	0	107	14	0
Kanigiri	0	0	3	...	...	...	4	0	3	5	10	7	9	11	1
Ongole	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	3	20	7	6	21	13	9
Total...	0	0	3	6	8	0	12	15	0	466	1	9	485	9	0

The attention of the Acting Sub-Collector has been drawn to the small balance of 0-0-3 still outstanding in the Kanigiri Talook for Fusly 1273.

Rupees 6-8-0 outstanding in the Rapur Talook on account of Fusly 1274 remains uncollected pending the receipt of the Inam Title-deed for certain Inams in the village of Dasur.

The balance of Rupees 12-15-0 outstanding for 1276, and of Rupees 466-1-9 outstanding for 1277 will be disposed of without any further delay.

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Miscellaneous.

(3.) The Fasliwar details of Rupees 4,592-13-1 outstanding under the head of Miscellaneous, are given below :—

Talooks.	Fusly 1274.			Fusly 1275.			Fusly 1276.			Fusly 1277.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Gudur...	......	...	...	......	...	...	6	12	5	3,386	3	0	3,392	15	5
Rapur	......	...	...	5	0	4	7	7	0	11	12	3	24	3	7
Nellore	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...	3	7	0	3	7	0
Atmakur	......	...	...	......	...	...	3	9	10	371	4	6	374	14	4
Kavali...	......	...	...	8	0	0	43	12	0	91	5	5	143	1	5
Udayagiri	......	...	...	......	...	...	8	12	0	10	7	2	19	3	2
Kandukur	......	...	...	......	...	...	16	10	7	5	14	5	22	9	0
Kanigiri	0	9	0	3	14	9	2	3	2	91	1	9	97	12	8
Ongole...	0	0	2	......	...	...	17	1	0	467	8	0	484	9	2
Total...	0	9	2	16	15	1	106	4	0	4,438	15	6	4,562	11	9
Bhalaraos' Katnam	......	...	...	30	1	4	......	...	...	......	...	...	30	1	4
Total...	0	9	2	47	0	5	106	4	0	4,438	15	6	4,592	13	1

(4.) Of the 4,592-13-1 Rupees referred to, Rupees 3,150 are due by Mr. Jackman, the Shell Contractor of Irukam and Venad. I have recommended the same to be written off in my letter No. 1,450, dated 28th July 1869. The requisite orders have been issued in regard to the speedy disposal of the remaining balance of Rupees 1,442-13-1.

Abkarry.

(5.) The sum of Rupees 2,096-1-6 outstanding under "Abkarry" is due by the Renter of the Nellore Talook. The amount has been paid into the Cuddapah Treasury, and the balance will be adjusted in our accounts in this month.

Doubtful balance.

24. A sum of Rupees 67-12-8 entered as "doubtful," is outstanding on a certain Tope land in Sangam, in the Nellore Talook. A puttah was given for the land, but as the Deputy Collector of Naidupett has taken up the case under the Inam Rules, the question whether the balance should be collected or not cannot be decided till the final decision of the Inam Commissioner is known.

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Details of the irrecoverable balance.

25. The sum of Rupees 77,549-1-9 is irrecoverable under the following circumstances :—

Ryotwar and Miscellaneous.

(1.) Details of the grounds on which the balance of Rupees 69,364-13-6 under these two heads of "Ryotwar and Miscellaneous" is recommended for remission, are given in the following Statement :—

	Items.	Amount. RS.	A	P.
1	Shavi on assessment remitted on account of withered crops	62,981	5	8
2	"Tirwa Cummi" or difference between the wet and dry assessment on wet lands cultivated with dry crops in Fusly 1277	1,123	14	5
3	Assessment of lands selected as fresh Inams to be granted to village servants	367	6	2
4	Jodi of Service Inams annually remitted	24	6	4
5	Jodi of Inams relinquished	102	7	11
6	Adjustment under the head of Boundary disputes	122	12	2
7	Assessment of land taken up for public purposes	195	9	3
8	Assessment charged on resumed Inams restored subsequently	40	14	0
9	Assessment outstanding after crediting proceeds of land, &c., sold for arrears	837	9	11
10	Deficiency in the recorded area of fields	87	6	4
11	Assessment charged on excess found in Inams and remitted since ...	300	7	9
12	Assessment charged on waste lands and remitted after the Jummahbundy...	943	8	6
13	Bhalarao's Katnam carried to account in 1276 and 1277	192	8	0
14	Erroneously charged	957	2	4
15	Balance outstanding nominally in consequence of the collections being credited to other heads	346	15	2
16	Russums or fees charged on waste lands	213	4	2
17	Assessment charged on land taken up under ruined tanks remitted in consequence of the land being given up	78	2	0
18	Reduction of assessment involved in transferring certain Garden lands to the head of Dry	12	9	3
19	"Adukkolu" or a fixed amount added to Pullery	348	6	6
20	Assessment of parts of fields struck off the puttah as being unfit for cultivation	79	12	11
21	Assessment of land struck off the puttah as being tank bed	4	12	4
22	Assessment entered as irrecoverable in consequence of the puttahdars having absconded	3	8	5
	Total...	69,364	13	6

I. Rupees 63,206-13-1 were recommended for remission on account of Shavi in the last Jummahbundy Report. Rupees 224-8-5 have since been collected, the requisite sanction to write it off not having been as yet received, the remainder, viz., Rupees 62,981-5-8, is entered in the above memorandum as irrecoverable.

2nd. In Fusly 1277 the Board sanctioned the highest dry rate of assessment being charged on wet lands cultivated with dry crops for want of water. This order was carried out at the Jummahbandy of that fusly in all cases brought to notice at the time. In similar cases subsequently reported, the difference between the wet and dry rates amounting to Rupees 1,123-14-5 was ordered to be entered as irrecoverable.

3rd. This is assessment charged on lands proposed to be granted as fresh Inams in lieu of Village Service Inams unfit for cultivation.

4th. This is Jodi on certain Service Inams remitted annually on the ground that the emoluments are inadequate.

5th. This is quit-rent charged on Inams relinquished by the holders, or resumed.

6th. This is the assessment on certain lands which formed the subject of boundary disputes with the neighbouring Zemindary villages, and is entered as irrecoverable, as the lands have been adjudged to the Zemindary villages.

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7th. This is assessment on land transferred to public purposes as follows :—

	RS.	A.	P.
River embankment	16	8	0
Roads	120	2	5
Channels	34	13	9
Public Wells	21	12	3
Village site	2	4	10
Total...	195	9	3

8th. Certains Inams resumed at the requisition of the Inam Commissioner having been restored by him subsequently, the assessment charged thereon, amounting to Rupees 40-14-0,* is entered as irrecoverable.

Talook.	Village.	RS.	A.	P.
Nellore ...	Tummagunta..	25	12	8
Kavali ...	Guttupalli......	12	6	10
Ongole. ...	Raperla... ...	2	10	9
	Total...	40	14	0

9th. This is the demand outstanding on lands sold for arrears but purchased by Government at a nominal price for want of bidders ; the sale proceeds in cases where the land was actually sold falling short of the due.

10th. The sum of Rupees 87-6-4 is the assessment remitted by the Sub-Collector, in consequence of the area entered being less than the area as found by measurement.

Talook.	RS.	A.	P.
Kandukur	52	4	2
Ongole	35	2	2
Total...	87	6	4

11th.—Rupees 300-7-9 were charged on the excess found on certain Inams in the Kandukur and Kanigiri Talooks and remitted by the Sub-Collector subsequently.

Talook.	RS.	A.	P.
Kandukur	299	3	2
Kanigiri	1	4	7
Total...	300	7	9

12th.—Claims for remission on certain wet lands charged at the Jummahbundy having been subsequently enquired into and admitted, a sum of Rupees 943-8-6 is entered as irrecoverable on this account as detailed in the margin.

	RS.	A.	P.
Gudur	234	9	0
Rapur	66	13	7
Nellore	161	2	9
Atmakur	53	4	7
Kavali	376	4	11
Kandukur	22	8	0
Kanigiri...	28	13	8
Total...	943	8	6

13th.—Rupees 192-8-0* were carried to account as the Kutnam payable by Bhalarao, the Zemindar of Muttyalapad. The Inam Commissioner having, in his letter dated 22nd December 1868, No. 646, already referred to, stated that it was not intended to be collected in addition to the Peishcush fixed from Fusly 1276, the amount has been included in the irrecoverable balance.

*Fusly.	RS.	A.	P.
1276...	96	4	0
1277...	96	4	0
Total...	192	8	0

14th.—The sum of Rupees 957-2-4 shown under this head is due to errors in the accounts.

	RS.	A.	P.
Twice entered	517	0	2
Excess improperly charged...	25	9	1
Waste land entered as cultivated	134	13	6
Charged on land given under Tope Rules...	5	8	3
Kavalgars' fees erroneously credited to Government	76	0	0

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Land classed at a higher rate and subsequently reduced to a lower class	32	7	5
Tirwajasti improperly charged	62	9	8
Fassaljasti do.	18	0	4
Charge made on survey excess	51	2	5
Amount of Cheyroot rent on land given for cultivation on Taram assessment	12	0	0
Assessment charged on land ordered to be struck off the puttah..	21	15	6
Total...	957	2	4

15th—The sum of Rupees 346-15-2 shown under this head consists of the following items:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Collections credited to wrong heads	9	12	7
The Pullery-tax of Mahimalur having been paid, although abolished in Fusly 1275, a corresponding sum was ordered to be entered as irrecoverable out of the land assessment payable by the ryots of that village	65	0	0
In Fusly 1276, road cess having been collected in excess of the demand in some cases, the collection of a like sum was suspended out of the Land Revenue demand	142	2	2
Balance of Cheyroot rent of Sriharikota for Fusly 1275, outstanding in the accounts of this district, although the amount was paid in the district of Madras	130	0	5
Total...	346	15	2

16th.—Russums charged on waste lands are usually remitted every year.

17th.—In the village of Inukurte, in the Rapur Talook, a tank was made over to the ryots under the ruined Tank Rules. In Fusly 1277 the land was left waste as the tank was not repaired, and the assessment was charged. Tho ryots having given up the tank, the amount charged in 1277, viz., Rupees 78-2-0, is entered as irrecoverable.

18th.—Certain Garden lands in Marupur, in the Rapur Talook, having been transferred to the head of Dry, sanction is requested to write off the difference between Dry and Garden rates, amounting to Rupees 12-9-3.

19th.—This is a fixed amount added to the Pullery-tax in certain villages, carried to account by mistake, although the Pullery-tax has been abolished.

20th.—Parts of certain fields in Kottapalle and Tatiparte, in the Atmakur Talook, having been struck off the puttah as unfit for cultivation, the assessment thereon, amounting to Rupees 79-12-11, is recommended for remission.

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21st.—This is the assessment entered on land struck off the puttah as being tank bed, in the village of Panchedu, in the Nellore Talook.

22nd—The sum of Rupees 3-8-5, due by certain ryots of Padarte, in the Ongole Talook, is recommended for remission on the ground that the Puttahdars have absconded, leaving the land waste.

2. The grounds upon which my recommendation to write off the irrecoverable arrears of Land Revenue having been thus explained, I beg to annex a memorandum showing the Fasliwar details thereof.

Fuslies.	Ryotwar.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1274...	....			12	2	0	12	2	0
1275...	....			145	6	10	145	6	10
1276...	65	13	10	206	6	1	272	3	11
1277...	65,499	1	4	3,435	15	5	68,935	0	9
Total...	65,564	15	2	3,799	14	4	69,364	13	6

Abkarry.

(3.) The details of the balance outstanding under the head of Abkarry are given below :—

Talook.	Fusly 1276.			Fusly 1277.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Gudur...	5,064	6	5	2,753	13	6	7,818	3	11
Nellore...	....			366	0	4	366	0	4
Total...	5,064	6	5	3,119	13	10	8,184	4	3

The sum of Rupees 7,818-3-11, outstanding on the Gudur Talook, is due by the defaulter T. Rungachari, who has been imprisoned for two years. As it does not appear that he has any property from which the balance can be made good, I think it may be written off the Accounts.

The sum of Rupees 366-0-4, outstanding on the Nellore Talook, is the interest payable by the renter. As the Board have in their Proceedings, dated 10th October 1868, No. 7,250, sanctioned a remission of Rupees 2,800 from the demand due for Fusly 1277, the interest referred to was ordered by the Acting Collector Mr. Boswell, to be included under the irrecoverable balance.

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Wastage of Salt.

	MDS.	S.	CH.
Fusly 1272...	92	0	0
„ 1275...	3,497	20	0
„ 1276...	8,402	20	0
„ 1277...	1,280	0	0
Total...	13,272	0	0

(4.) The wastage of salt is given at 13,272 Maunds. The Fasliwar details are given in the margin ; the details according to divisions being entered below :—

Divisions.	Maunds.	S.	Ch.
Kanuparti...	1,252	...	...
Padarti ...	2,422	20	...
Pakala ...	2,524	...	...
Tummalapenta...	646	...	...
Isakapalli...	1,291	...	...
Gogulapalli...	1,096	...	...
Krishnapatnam...	1,207	20	...
Dugarazupatnam...	210	...	...
Tada... ...	1,412	...	...
Sunnapugunta...	1,211	...	...
Total...	13,272	...	...

(5.) My recommendation for remission may be summed up as follows :—

		RS.	A.	P.
Current balance ...	Shavi...	36,189	12	7
	License-tax	344	0	0
	Total...	36,533	12	7
Arrears...	Land Revenue	69,364	13	6
	Abkarry...	8,184	4	3
	Total...	77,549	1	9

Wastage of Salt... ... ... 13,272 Indian maunds.

Extent to which Coercive Process was employed.

26. The extent to which coercive process was employed in the collection of revenue is shown below :—

Divisions.	Process Issued.			Property Attached.		Property Sold.	
	No of Villages	No. of Ryots.	Balance.	Movable.	Immovable.	Moveable.	Immoveable.
Principal Division... ...	193	1,914	28,473	13,228	7,779	724	1,786
Sub-Division...	160	1,056	11,198	2,131	984	513	430
Total...	353	2,970	39,671	15,359	8,763	1,237	2,216

(1.) It will be seen that processes had to be issued in regard to the balance of Rupees 39,671; but a large portion of the balance was paid up before property was distrained and sold.

(2.) During the year under report, Rupees 835-7-6 were collected from the defaulters, and credited to the Process Service Fund. Of this sum, Rupees 253-8-11 have been paid to persons employed in serving processes, &c. under Act II. of 1864.

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Gross collections and charges.

27. The following abstract exhibits the gross collection and charges during the Fusly under report, in comparison with those of the preceding year.

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Sibbandi and Sader...	2,00,745	2,13,479	12,734	......
Extra charges...	87,982	92,375	4,393	......
Total...	2,88,727	3,05,854	17,127	......

On referring to Statement No. 9, the only items in which there is a large fluctuation, are found to be those noted in the margin. The increase under the first of these items is owing to the return of Mr. Dykes to the district. The increase under the second item is chiefly owing to the pay of the Ongole Tahsildar not having been disbursed during the greater portion of Fusly 1277, while the increase under the Salt Establishment is attributable to the entertainment of a special establishment for guarding spontaneous salt in the Pulicat Lake, and the vacancy of Salt Superintendentship of Gogulapalli in 1277.

Increase.	RS.
Salary of Collector, &c	6,968
Huzoor and Talook Establishment	8,615
Salt Establishment...	1,474

The large decrease of Rupees 7,402, under the head of "Purchase of Salt and Manufacturer's share," is accounted for by the Deputy Collector as resulting from the bulk of the salt having been stored in June and July.

Working of the new system of Village Accounts.

28. The Village Accounts have been duly prepared in the prescribed forms.

Land acquired by public servants.

29. Revur Ramakistnamma, who was appointed Gumastah of the Rapur Talook in Fusly 1278, holds 4·15 acres of Inam land in the village of Allur, in the Nellore Talook, acquired by his ancestors. The Officiating Inam Commissioner has, with his letter dated 10th August 1869, No. 376, furnished a list showing the public servants in his Office holding lands in this district.

The following is an abstract thereof :—

Names.	Extent in acres.		When acquired.
Palle Chenchal Rao, Special Assistant to the Inam Commissioner...	83	80	Prior to the assumption of the country by the British.
Do. do.	81		In 1868.
Madvapati Anantagiri Rao, Correspondence Clerk...	35		Ancestral property. Not known when acquired.
Madvapati Srinivasa Rao, Goomastah ...	35		Do. do.
Do. do.	37	45	Acquired subsequent to employment by Durkhast.
Uppalapalli Narasinga Rao, Goomastah ...	3	32	Ancestral property.
Damverla Subba Rao, Goomastah... ...	24	13	Do.

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Remarks on the conduct of subordinate officers. 30. I have not been long enough in the district to make any report on the conduct of the subordinate officers. From what I have seen of the Sheristadar, I have every reason to be satisfied with him.

NELLORE,
26th August 1869.

(Signed) R. J. MELVILLE,
Acting Collector.

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to submit the annual Settlement Report of the Sub-Division for Fusly 1278.

Places at which settlement was conducted.

2. The settlement of the several talooks was conducted by me at the following places :—

Talooks.	Places where the settlement was conducted.	Time occupied.
Kandukur... ...	Ramapatam	15th January to 2nd February 1869.
	Singarayakonda...	4th to 15th March 1869.
Kanigiri...	Mogallur...	21st to 27th April ,,
Ongole...	Addanki...	5th to 13th May ,,
	Kottopatam	16th to 25th ,, ,,

Variation in the number and tenure of villages.

3. The number and tenure of villages remain unaltered.

Puttahs renewed and not renewed.

4. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 5,811, dated 10th August 1868, and to the Circular No. 72, dated 20th October 1868, published in the *District Gazette* of 24th idem, the number of the Puttah Books granted to ryots whose sist annually exceeds Rupees 50 was 2,543, and the number granted to ryots paying less than Rupees 50 was 24,261. The annexed Statement shows the particulars required in your Circular Takeed, No. 21, dated 7th June 1869.

Talooks.	Number of puttahs where assessment does not exceed Rs. 100 and is above Rs. 50.	Number of puttahs where assessment exceeds Rs. 100.	Total.	SINGLE SHEET PUTTAHS.				Grand Total.
				Number of puttahs unaltered.	Number of puttahs altered by entry of lands taken up.	Number of puttahs altered by entry both of relinquished and taken up lands as well as new puttahs.	Total.	
Kandukur..	874	365	1,239	9,146	219	579	9,944	11,183
Ongole ...	943	311	1,254	8,997	705	902	10,604	11,858
Kanigiri ...	46	4	50	3,127	120	466	3,713	3,763
Total...	1,863	680	2,543	21,270	1,044	1,947	24,261	26,804

Season.

5. In consequence of the almost complete failure of the north-east monsoon, the past fusly cannot be said to have been a favorable one, though the abundant supply of rain brought

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by the south-west monsoon in the early part of the fusly, and the circumstances of the previous year, kept down the prices of grain of all kinds. In consequence of the want of rain in the months of December, January and February, the dry crops that had been put down in October and November gave a very deficient yield, while the wet crops were almost entirely lost throughout the Sub-Division. The latter, however, are not cultivated to any very great extent in these parts. As regards the south-west monsoon, a reference to the accompanying Table shows that the fall of rain in Fusly 1278 was about half as much again as that in Fusly 1277, while the rain brought by the north-east monsoon during 1278, was but a third of that which fell during the north-east monsoon in 1277. Altogether the rain-fall of 1278 seems to be in proportion to that of 1277 as 5 to 6. In the Kandukur Talook taken alone, the difference was as 3 to 4.

Months.	Kandukur.				Ongole.				Kanigiri.			
	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.	
	IN.	C.	IN.	C.	IN.	C.	IN.	C.	IN.	C.	IN.	C.
April 1868	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
May ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	40	2	25	...	...	2	20
June ,, ...	...	...	8	28	...	...	3	50	...	...	4	25
July ,, ...	1	36	2	90	...	64	1	75	2	10	...	80
August ,, ...	6	85	2	62	4	35	2	65	3	72	2	22
September 1868	3	14	4	51	3	36	1	97	2	67	2	80
Total...	11	35	18	31	8	75	12	12	8	49	12	27
October 1868	11	63	3	55	4	8	..	53	5	28	1	90
November ,, ...	...	65	1	90	...	...	...	55	...	...	...	50
December ,,...	8	70	...	...	...	75	...	...	...	...	...	...
January 1869	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
February ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
March ,, ...	...	...	...	50	...	...	...	12	...	...	1	...
Total...	20	98	5	95	4	83	1	20	5	28	3	40
Grand Total...	32	33	24	26	13	58	13	32	13	77	15	67

Sanitary condition.

6. The sanitary condition of the Sub-Division was generally good. There was Small-pox here and there in every talook. There was Fever occasionally in the Kandukur and Kanigiri Talooks. There was no Cholera ; epidemic diseases among the cattle existed in a very slight degree.

Prices of Agricultural products.

7. It will be observed from the following Statement that the prices of the principal grains were considerably below those of last year.

Description of grains.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Paddy, 1st sort...	195	181	....	14
Do. 2nd sort	179	170	....	9
Jonna...	216	165	....	51
Sujja...	196	158	....	38
Horse gram	211	187	....	24
Raggy	177	143	....	34
Variga	190	150	....	40

Ryots' holdings.

8. It will be seen from the following abstract that there was an increase of Acres 9,085 in extent, and Rupees 12,558 in assessment on Ryots' holdings. The increase is solely on dry lands in the Ongole Talook and is in consequence of the ryots having taken up for pasturage on Tarum assessment, a quantity of land formerly held by them on Pullary. On the other hand, there has been a decrease in nunjah holdings in all the talooks owing to relinquishments in consequence of the failure of the latter rains. In the Kanigiri and Kandukur Talooks, there is also a decrease in punjah holdings, but not so large, I think, as to call for explanation.

	Acres.	Assessment.
Holdings for Fusly 1277...	3,18,913	5,40,109
Deduct lands relinquished, etc.	11,187	17,340
Remainder... ...	3,07,096	5,22,769
Add lands taken up...	20,902	29,898
Total holdings for Fusly 1278... ...	3,27,998	5,52,667

Actual cultivation.

9. The following Statement shows the actual cultivation compared with previous year. There is a decrease under the heads of Dry and Wet and chiefly in wet in the Kandukur Talook, which is attributable to the want of rain.

Description.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.
Dry...	2,62,916	3,87,990	2,59,906	3,86,047	....	....	3,010	1,943
Wet...	13,959	84,716	11,225	69,038	....	....	2,734	15,678
Total...	2,76,875	4,72,706	2,71,131	4,55,085	....	....	5,744	17,621

Waste charged and remitted.

10. The following Statement shows the amount of waste charged and remitted in dry and wet lands.

Description.	Waste charged.		Waste remitted.	
	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Dry	53,484	70,745	....	....
Wet	5,459	4,670	8,460	22,167
Total...	58,943	75,415	8,460	22,167

No remission has been given for dry waste; this generally consists of land reserved for pasturage. As regards partial waste on wet lands, I had adopted 10 acres as the minimum extent for which remission on part waste would be granted, thus acting on Mr. Boswell's letter, No. 592, dated 27th February 1868, but subsequently on the receipt of Mr. Dyke's letter, No. 397, dated 27th February

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1869, informing me that he had taken 4 acres as his standard, I conformed to Mr. Dyke's instructions. This, however, I could do only in respect of the Ongole and Kanigiri Talooks, for the settlement of the Kandukur Talook had now been almost completed on the principles laid down by the late Acting Collector, but as it appeared to me that the circumstances of five villages of the Kandukur Talook already settled were such as particularly to call for the measure of relief proposed by Mr. Dykes, I recommended to you in my letter dated 3rd July, No. 247, that remission be granted accordingly. In your docket dated 8th July 1869, No. 1,348, you sanctioned the additional remission thus recommended. The increase in the amount of remission on waste as compared with that of last year is entirely due to the failure of the north-east monsoon. The usual remission of Rupees 48 was made on account of the salary of the Moonsiff of Timmanapalem and other villages in conformity with the custom of the Kistna District, for which these villages were transferred. Remission of Rupees 16,131 has been granted for perished crops (shavi) this year. The increase under this head is chiefly in the Kandukur Talook. In the Ongole Talook, a further sum of Rupees 2,954 (including russums and road fund) has to be remitted. This was not entered in the accounts, as delay took place in the receipt of particulars, owing to the absence of the Tahsildar on lease.

Cultivation of special products.

11. The Sugar-cane cultivation which is still confined to the Kanigiri Talook has slightly decreased. The annexed Statement shows the cultivation of Cotton which is also on a reduced scale this year, in consequence, I am told, of a fall in prices. Indigo cultivation has considerably increased; there is, I am informed, a larger demand than before.

	Fusly 1276.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Sugar-cane	226	321	174
Cotton	10,287	14,816	6,898
Indigo	21,122	16,904	24,655

12. The demand on land and sundry sources of revenue compared with previous fusly are shown in the following abstract:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Quit-rent or Shrotriems and Inam villages, &c ...	17,626	17,626	......	......
Ryotwar	5,34,422	5,16,742	......	17,680
Land Revenue miscellaneous	59,304	65,265	5,961	......
Total...	6,11,352	5,99,633	5,961	17,680
Abkarry	13,600	13,600	......	......
License-tax	6,428	20,521	14,093	......
Total...	20,028	34,121	14,093	......
Road Fund	27,730	28,177	447	......
Grand Total...	6,59,110	6,61,931	20,501	17,680
Net Increase...	....	....	2,821	......

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The increase under ryotwar is confined to Ongole Talook only, as stated in paragraph 8 of this report. The decrease in Kandukur and Kanigiri Talook is owing almost entirely to the remission on wet lands given in the Kandukur Talook. The increase under Land Revenue miscellaneous arises from the following items :—

(1.) Sale of trees on waste lands Rupees 5,589.

(2.) Rent from pasture lands, let out at auction (instead of on Pullary), Rupees 1,547.

(3.) Dowl Izafa, Rupees 1,079 and (4) sundry items Rupees 713. The total increase is Rupees 8,928. There is a decrease under the same head which is due to the excess* in minor Inams not being charged, this amounts to Rupees 1,232 ; Balarao Russums, Rupees 606 and other sundry items. The total decrease is 2,967, showing a net increase of Rupees 5,961. The increase under the head of License-tax is attributable apparently to the more equable assessment of the Tax-payers this year. The increase in the Kandukur Talook under the head of Road Fund is owing to the composition† for Fusly 1276 and 1277 by the Chundi Zemindar, as well as the actual amount on ascertained rent value of the Muttyalapadu Zemindary for the same period having been brought to account this year. The decrease in the Ongole and Kanigiri Talooks for Fusly 1278, chiefly arises from the Road Fund on Inam lands for Fusly 1276 having been brought to account in Fusly 1277.

* Vide Board's Proceedings, No. 4,486, dated 16th July 1867 and the *District Gazette*, dated 27th July 1867.

†Vide Board's Proceedings, No. 8,583, dated 4th December 1868.

Demand, Collection and Balance of revenue.

13. The subjoined Statement shows the Demand, Collection and Balance of revenue for Fusly 1278. The outstanding balance on Ryotwary holdings on 31st July is in excess of that on the same date last year. The increased occupation of land in the Ongole Talook, as well as the comparatively low prices of grains, seem to be the cause. From the balance, a deduction has to be made for remission granted on account of withered crops subsequently to the close of the Jummahbundy. This amounts to Rupees 2,954, and I request sanction to write it off. Orders have been issued to the Tahsildars to take the necessary steps for the speedy collection of the remainder Rupees 258, arrears on Abkarry due by the late renters will be recovered from the money deposited by them, and Rupees 648 arrears on License-tax will be recovered from the defaulters according to the provisions of the Act.

Items.	Demand for Fusly 1278.	Collection to the end of June 1869.	Balance.	Subsequent collection up to 31st July 1869.	Remainder.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Shrotriems...	17,626	13,764	3,862	2,493	1,369
Ryotwar...	5,16,743	4,54,244	62,499	36,994	25,505
Land Revenue miscellanous.	65,265	45,834	19,431	9,021	10,410
Total...	5,99,634	5,13,842	85,792	48,508	37,284
Abkarry...	13,600	13,251	349	91	258
License-tax..	20,521	19,873	648	......	648
Road Fund...	28,177	20,181	7,996	4,138	3,858
Total...	62,298	53,305	8,993	4,229	4,764
Grand Total...	6,61,932	5,67,147	94,785	52,737	42,048

Demand, Collection, and Balance of arrears of revenue.

14. The following is a Statement showing the Demand, Collection and Balance of arrears for Fusly 1277.

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Items.	For what Fusly.	Total amount of arrear at the beginning of Fusly 1278.	Amount collected and remitted within the Fusly.	Balance at the close of Fusly.	Subsequent collection till July 1869.	Particulars to Column 5. Recoverable.	Irrecoverable.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Shrotriems...	1275 to 1277	3,080 12 2	3,080 12 2	....	... ...	... ...	....	....
Ryotwar...	1273 to 1277	45,853 4 6	43,641 3 1	2,212 1 5	31 7 4	139 7 10	2,041 2 3	2,212 1 5
Land Revenue miscellaneous... ...	1274 to 1277	13,532 8 8	12,216 1 4	1,316 7 4	0 6 8	587 10 2	728 6 6	1,316 7 4
Abkarry	1275 to 1277	1,781 8 4	1,781 8 4	....	... ...	... ...	....	....
Road Fund...	1275 to 1277	13,789 15 2	13,490 6 8	299 8 6	9 12 5	102 3 6	187 8 7	299 8 6
Balarao's Russums...	1275... ...	18 8 4	18 8 4	....	... ...	... ...	....	....
Chundy Miscellaneous...... ...	1274... ...	4 0 0	4 0 0	....	... ...	... ...	....	....
Total...	......	78,060 9 2	74,232 7 11	3,828 1 3	41 10 5	829 5 6	2,957 1 4	3,828 1 3

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Of these amounts permission is requested to write off the following items, namely :—

RS.	A.	P.	
318	13	0	The amount of assessment in excess of registered extent of minor Inams.
1,555	1	0	The amount of remission on withered crops.
129	12	9	The assessment due on lands (Puttah and Inam) put up to auction for arrears of revenue, but not purchased.
145	5	0	Remission of difference between wet and dry rates granted to those who raised dry crops on wet lands. (*Vide* Mr. Boswell's letter No. 592, dated 27th February 1868.
249	6	0	Balarao's Russums suspended as per Mr. Boswell's letter No. 1,170, dated 11th June 1868.
171	12	2	Usual remission of assessment as remuneration on lands cultivated by village servants who have no Inams.
145	7	3	Road Fund, &c. on Inam lands wrongly entered.
241	8	2	Sundry items.
2,957	1	4	

Extent to which coercive measures were employed.

15. The annexed Statement will show how far coercive measures were restored to for the recovery of Land Revenue, what amount of batta was collected from ryots, and what amount distributed to peons. The attachment and sale of property have been to a larger extent this year than in the previous year especially, in the Kandukur Talook.

Property attached.		Value of Property sold.		Amount of batta collected for serving notices.	Amount distributed.
No. of Ryots.	Amount of arrears.	Movable.	Immovable.		
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1,056	11,196	514	430	51	11

Village and Talook Accounts.

16. The Village and Talook Accounts have been prepared generally according to the Manuals. Some Village Curnums have been fined for non-entry of English figures, as suggested in Mr. Boswell's letter No. 1,677, dated 5th June 1868, and for delay in the submission of the Durkhast Memorandums to the Talook authorities for disposal.

Acquisition of land by public servants.

17. No lands have been acquired by public servants in the Sub-Division during the year under report.

Surrender of ruined tanks.

18. No ruined tanks have been made over to ryots.

Sub-Division of enfranchised Inam villages.

19. No Sub-Division of enfranchised Inam villages has been made.

Second crop assessment on one crop Nunjah and Teerwajasti on Punjah Inam.

20. The following Statement shows the amount of revenue realised during the last five years as second crop assessment on one crop, Inam Nunjah and as Teerwajasti on Inam Punjah, as called for in Board's Proceedings No. 2,070, dated 31st March 1869.

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Fusly.	Minor Inams.		Shrotriems.		Total.
	Second crop assessment on one crop nunjah.	Teerwajasti on punjah.	Second crop assessment on one crop nunjah.	Teerwajasti on punjah.	
1274...	167	193	......	17	377
1275...	159	168	......	19	346
1276...	186	163	......	17	366
1277...	88	145	......	21	254
1278...	78	79	......	18	175
Total...	678	748	......	92	1,518

The above includes the Talavadan cess in the Kanigiri Talook and Teerwajasti charged for water from charity ponds.

Inspection of Rain-gauges.

21. As directed in the Board's Proceedings, No. 5,642, dated 4th August 1869, I have occasionally inspected the Rain-gauges at the various stations. I regret to say that I have generally found them to be kept with little regard to accuracy in the record of results, and I am inclined to believe that they are, for any scientific purpose, utterly unreliable. For a Jummahbundy Report, where absolute exactness in these matters is not necessary, and where the general account of the rain-fall is as a rule tested by the writer's own observations, the registers are useful enough, for in the long run, errors in excess or defect may be left to rectify each other. However, I am now calling particular attention to this subject, whenever I am out on circuit, and as improved gauges have been lately supplied, I hope the Returns will be correctly prepared in future. But I have little confidence that this will be so, for in accounts of this kind, absolute dependence must be placed on the persons keeping them, and though we might be willing to trust an officer in the position of Tahsildar, the Tahsildar is frequently absent from his Head-quarters when the charge necessarily devolves upon one of his subordinates, who in his turn, deputes a peon to the work.

Absence of Sub-Collector from Sub-Division.

22. I have during the year been absent from the Sub-division on some half dozen occasions. On each of such occasions my visit has invariably been to Nellore on duty, and has never exceeded 3 or 4 days, except when I went in for the Nellore Cattle Show and to take charge of the district during Mr. Dyke's absence at Madras; on the former occasion, I was in Nellore for a fortnight, on the latter, for nearly a month.

Reports on boundary marks.

23. The report from the Ongole Talook has not yet been received notwithstanding several reminders. It will be submitted hereafter, with the reports from the other talooks.

Ramayapatam, (Signed) J. C. HUGHESDON,
14th August 1869. Acting Sub-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. J. MELVILLE,
Acting Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

BELLARY.

Submission of Annual Jummahbundy Report and Statements.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the Settlement of the Revenue of this District for Fusly 1278, (1868-69,) with the usual Statements.

Places where the settlement was made.

2. Statement No. 1 shows the places at which, and the names of the officers by whom, the settlement was effected, and the period occupied in the same. The settlement was made at two or more places within the limits of each talook, except in the case of Dhurmaveram and Madakserah in the Sub-division, where, owing to the sickness of the Sheristadar of the former talook and the death of the Tahsildar of the latter talook, it was found convenient to carry it out at the Cusbah stations. The settlement was commenced in November 1868, and completed in May 1869.

Variations in the number and tenure of the Villages.

3. The variations in the number and tenure of the villages are exhibited in the subjoined abstract :—

Description.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Circar Villages...	2,288	2,288	...	...
Shrotriem do.	13	11	...	2
Kayem Jody do.	186	188	2	...
Surva Inam or Rent-free Villages...	20	20	...	...
Total...	2,507	2,507	2	2

The decrease of the two villages under the head of Shrotriem is in the talook of Madakserah, and is owing to their having been enfranchised by the Inam Commissioner and transferred to the head "Kayem Jody" under which appears a corresponding increase.

Puttahs.

4. The total number of puttahs in the district is 1,36,620, which is in excess of the number held in the preceding Fusly by 119; 92,698 fresh puttahs were issued and 8,482 old puttahs modified, leaving 35,440 puttahs unaltered. The enhanced issue of puttahs is due to the substitution of the new form for the old—*Vide* Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 3rd

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December 1866, No. 1,206. The new receipt books will, I am of opinion, save many a ryot paying his kist twice over, and the introduction of a more durable form of puttah is likewise a great improvement.

Season.

5. The year was more favorable to the district than any in the last decade. Copious and seasonable rain fell during the year, and the rivers, tanks, and wells generally received a full supply of water. The exceptions occurred principally in the Sub-division, and will be noticed below under the head of Waste remitted. Both the Mungary (early) and Hingary (late) crops gave a good return and compensated the ryots for the loss they sustained in the two preceding years. The following abstract shows an increase of six inches and two-tenths over the rain-fall of Fusly 1277:—

Months.	Average fall 1277.		Average fall 1278.	
	I.	T.	I.	T.
April...	...	1	...	2
May...	1	1	...	6½
June...	2	1	4	...
July...	...	8¼	3	...
August...	1	3¼	3	8
September	3	9	6	7
October...	4	4½	1	7
November	...	...	...	1
December	...	...	...	...
January...	...	...	...	...
February...	...	...	...	...
March...	...	1½	...	...
Total...	13	9½	20	1½
Increase...	...	...	6	$\frac{2}{10}$

The Rain Registers in most of the talooks have been examined and were found to be regularly kept.

Sanitary condition.

6. Against two deaths from cholera in Fusly 1277 the returns of the year under review show that 1,488 persons succumbed to this malady. There were fewer cases of fever, but the number of deaths from this cause was no less than 8,845, being in excess of last year's returns by

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1,012, as will be seen from the subjoined statement. I think that the prevalence of this disease in this district and its fatal effects ought specially to engage the attention of the Sanitary Commissioner. All classes suffer from it, and hardly any locality is wholly free from it :—

COMPARATIVE Statement showing the deaths from Cholera and Fever.

Fuslies.	Cholera.		Fever.	
	Attacked.	Deaths.	Attacked.	Deaths.
1277...	3	2	15,148	7,833
1278...	2,156	1,488	14,181	8,845
Increase...	2,153	1,486	......	1,012
Decrease...	......	......	967	......

7. The cattle disease, especially that form of it known as "Moosararogam," was very fatal in its effects during the year. Of 3,770 head of cattle attacked no less than 2,199 died. Medicines supplied by Mr. Thacker were widely distributed, and no pains were spared to instruct the ryots in the use of the remedies and the treatment of their animals ; but I am inclined to think that in many instances these instructions were neglected, and without some special measures, such as were recommended by me in a separate report being adopted, I am certain that the benevolent intentions of Government have not a chance of being carried out, so ignorant are the ryots of the Ceded Districts, and if not blind to their own interests in many instances so careless of them.

Prices of Grain.

8. Owing to the favorable season the prices of grain fell very much indeed, as will be seen from Statement No. 2.

Holdings.

9. Statement No. 3 shows the Ryots' holdings, cultivation, and the net beriz of the Fusly. Enclosure A. of the Statement shows the holdings at the commencement of the Fusly and the subsequent alterations, the waste remitted and charged, and the extent of actual cultivation, exhibiting a net increase over Fusly 1277 of Acres 30,129, and a net decrease in the assessment of Rupees 8,561, or about $\frac{5}{8}$ths per cent. on the assessment of Fusly 1277 ; this is attributable to the land newly taken up bearing a lighter assessment than that relinquished. This, in my opinion, is owing not to the land given up being too highly assessed, but rather to an imperfect classification of the soil, a defect which will be remedied when the operations of the Settlement Department are extended to this district. In the wet lands there was a net decrease of 1,357 Acres, assessed at Rs. 5,106.

Lands relinquished.

Fuslies.	Dry.		Wet.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
		RS.		RS.
1277... ...	1,20,197	44,467	6,305	25,252
1278... ...	1,40,452	58,916	5,737	21,661
Increase.	20,255	14,449	....	....
Decrease.	....	....	568	3,591

10. Under the head Lands relinquished there is a net increase of 20,255 Acres, assessed at Rupees 14,449, in dry land, and a net decrease of 568 Acres, assessed at Rupees 3,591, in the wet lands as shown in the marginal statement. In the talook of Dhurmaveram of the Sub-division a reduction of well land assessment, to the extent of Rupees 33-3-0, was made under the sanction of Government, conveyed in their Order, No. 581, of 6th April 1864, embodied in Board's Proceedings, No. 2,247, of the 13th idem. These cases were disposed of by the Acting Sub-Collector when brought to his notice at the annual settlement.

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Waste remitted.

* Columns 39 to 42 of Statement No. 3.

† Columns 37 and 38.

	RS.
‡ Dry...	93
Wet under tanks	49,498
Nullahs	3,039
Wells...	20
	52,650

11. The extent of lands left waste and charged during the year under report was Acres 1,47,618,* bearing an assessment of Rupees 73,178-5-0. The extent on which the demand was remitted was Acres 12,510,† assessed at Rs. 52,650-4-4.‡ The proportion of the waste to the holdings is about 6 per cent. This remission under the rules of the 1st November 1865, Standing Circular, No. 137, was granted because of the failure of water supply in some of the tanks situate for the most part in the Sub-division talooks. The remission on account of dry cultivation, amounting to Rupees 93, was granted because, although the lands had not legally passed from the possession of the Puttahdars, there was no hope of realizing the demand; some of the ryots having absconded and others being so reduced in circumstances as to render some indulgence necessary, and for this the sanction of the Board is requested.

Waste charged.

		RS.
Fusly 1277.	Dry... ...	29,984
	Wet... ...	13,923
		43,907
Fusly 1278.	Dry... ...	53,027
	Wet... ...	20,151
		73,178
	Increase.	29,271

12. The amount of wasto (wet and dry) charged was Rupees 73,178, or 29,271 more than in the previous Fusly. This charge was made because no sufficient grounds were shown for foregoing the demand of the State.

Actual cultivation.

13. The actual cultivation, exclusive of waste charged and remitted, was, including both wet and dry, 23,07,734 Acres, assessed at Rupees 19,44,412, which is in excess of the previous year's demand by Rupees 43,805.

In Alur, Adony, Gooty, Baidrug, Tadputry, chiefly in the talooks of Hospett, Hurpunhully and Hindoopoor.

14. Enclosure B. in Statement No. 3 exhibits the cultivation of sugar-cane, cotton, and indigo showing an extended area of cultivation under indigo, amounting to 4,263 Acres; cotton fell off to the extent of 79,162 Acres and sugar-cane cultivation shows a decrease of 1,444 Acres. These fluctuations do not admit of any special explanation, and may I think be attributed to the ever-varying state of the market.

Progressive, etc., Cowles.

15. Enclosure C. in Statement No. 3 comprises the items of Progressive, Payamaly, and Kayem cowles showing a net beriz of Rupees 534, or 370 Rupees less than in the previous year. This is attributable to most of the lands having been charged with full rates on the expiry of the cowle leases.

Cultivation.

16. As directedin clause 4, paragraph 4 of the Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 787, dated 14th August 1866, a comparative statement of cultivation and settlement in the form therein prescribed is appended below showing a net increase in cultivation of 30,129 Acres, with a net decrease in assessment of Rupees 8,561, as shown in paragraph 10 of this Report. The increase in the items "Second crop assessment, *Additional assessment, †and Water tax," is due to the favorable nature of the season.

* Rupees	16,479
† „	4,481
	20,960

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Abstract A.—Comparative Statement of Cultivation and Settlement.

Items.	Last Fusly 1277.		Present Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	22,76,061	14,48,395 6 0	23,07,547	14,44,939 10 0	31,486	......	......	3,455
Wet	1,61,672	6,30,407 5 0	1,60,315	6,25,301 4 0	......	......	1,357	5,106
Total...	24,37,733	20,78,802 11 0	24,67,862	20,70,240 14 0	30,129	......	......	8,561
Add								
Second crop Assessment	....	85,008 11 0	....	1,01,488 3 0	......	16,479	......	....
Additional Assessment	....	30,967 14 0	....	35,448 9 0	......	4,481	......	....
Water Tax	....	1,244 5 0	....	3,513 8 0	......	2,269	......	....
Road Fund	....	1,08,031 8 8	....	1,09,064 14 6	......	1,033	......	....
Village Service Fund	....	....	....	....	......	......	......	....
Total...	....	23,04,055 1 8	....	23,19,756 0 6	......	15,701	......	....
Deduct								
Remissions	....	1,34,288 9 0	....	52,650 4 4	......	......	......	81,638
Road Fund	....	1,08,031 8 8	....	1,09,064 14 6	......	1,033	......	....
Village Service Fund	....	....	....	....	......	......	......	....
Other remissions as particularized in Statement.	....	79,700 8 3	....	12,150 11 4	......	......	......	67,550
Total...	....	3,22,020 9 11	....	1,73,865 14 2	......	......	......	1,48,155
Remaining beriz	....	19,82,034 7 9	....	21,45,890 2 4	......	1,63,856	......	....
Miscellaneous items	....	2,45,106 14 6	....	2,54,261 6 1	......	9,154	......	....
Total...	....	22,27,141 6 3	....	24,00,151 8 5	......	1,73,010	......	....

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The information required in the Board's Proceedings of the 30th March 1869, No. 2,070, regarding the revenue realised as second crop assessment on one crop Inam Nunjah, and as Teerwah Jasty on Inam Poonjah for Fusly 1278, is annexed below :—

	ACRES.			RS.	A.	P.
Amount of second crop assessment on one crop Inam Nunjah.	163	6	1	610	13	0
Amount of Teerwah Jasty on Inam Poonjah	1,980	14	12	5,841	4	8
Total...	2,143	20	13	6,452	1	8

Principal sources of Irrigation.

17. The principal works of irrigation in the district requiring notice under clause 5, paragraph 4 of the Circular above alluded to, are the following :—

STATEMENT showing the Ayacut and average actually cultivated in Fusly 1278 under the principal irrigation works.

Name of Irrigation work.	Ayacut, Circar and Inam.	Assessment.	Average of Circar and Inam cultivation.	Assessment, including Fasul Jasty.
		RS.		RS.
Bookapatam	3,541	22,401	3,483	27,911
Singanamulla	3,090	18,230	2,645	19,813
Purghi	2,848	11,560	2,348	12,712
Dhurmaveram	1,497	10,390	1,458	12,029
Anantapoor	2,796	13,558	2,417	15,687
Kanakul	2,525	12,539	1,583	8,454
Darqji	1,638	7,061	1,537	7,358
Toombadra Channels	15,195	1,28,939	14,701	1,43,246

The chief river channels are those taken off the Toongabudra river; besides these there are about ten important tanks capable of irrigating from 1,000 to 2,000 Acres each. The following abstract exhibits the total number of tanks, channels, and wells, both Circar and private :—

Description.	No.	Acreage of Circar cultivation..	Assessment, including Fasul Jasty and Teerwah Jasty.
			RS.
Tanks	1,172	68,831	3,82,111
Channels	2,493	45,341	2,73,266
Wells...	19,070	44,568	62,499
Total...	22,735	1,58,740	7,17,876

Ruined Tanks.

18. During the year under report no applications are reported to have been received for the repair of ruined tanks.

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Particulars of Remission.

Circar	8,937		
Dasavundum	250		
	9,187		
Private	9,883		
	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277	79,700	8	3
„ 1278	12,150	11	4
Decrease...	67,549	12	11

19. The Statement No. 4 includes the particulars of remission of all kinds, amounting to Rupees 12,150-11-4. In last year this account shows a remission of Rupees 79,700-8-3, of which Rupees 60,831 and 10,265 were granted in consequence of failure of crops and on lands let on cowle which have been fully charged this year ; hence the decrease under this head.

Miscellaneous Items.

20. Statement No. 5 shows the Demand, etc., on account of Miscellaneous items under Land Revenue, corresponding with the entries contained in the Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement for June last. A separate Memorandum, explanatory of the nature and particulars of settlement of each item of the statement, accompanies the report.

21. Statement No. 6 shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of Shrotriem Jody villages enfranchised by the Inam Commissioner. There is an increase in the demand of Rupees 631 over that of the previous year. This is attributable to the enfranchisement during the year of two villages in the Madakserah Talook. There are neither Zemindaries nor Mootahs in this district. Of the total balance of Rupees 6,467-8-5 shown in column 6 of the statement Rupees 2,168-12-3 have been since collected, reducing the balance to Rupees 4,298-12-2 at the end of July which will shortly be collected.

	RS.	A.	P.
Demand	36,575	15	11
Collection up to July 1869...	30,108	7	6
Balance...	6,467	8	5

22. Statement No. 7 exhibits all sources of Revenue; there is a net decrease of Rupees 2,27,000 below last year, as shown in the following comparative abstract. This, it will be observed, is owing to the falling off in the Abkarry sales. The contract for 1278 was only for one year, and the sale following immediately upon the bad years 1276 and 1277 the bidding was by no means spirited. The decrease, however, is merely nominal, as most of the contractors for the previous years failed and the farms were resold at great loss to Government :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Jody on Shrotriem	26,061	26,692	631	....
Ryotwar	19,82,034	21,45,890	1,63,856	....
Miscellaneous	2,45,107	2,54,261	9,154	....
Total...	22,53,202	24,26,843	1,73,641	....
Abkarry	9,02,614	5,34,370	....	3,68,244
Income Tax.	....	722	722	....
License Tax	97,004	57,554	....	39,450
Salt.	10,745	10,011	....	734
Stamps	1,89,637	1,96,702	7,065	....
Total...	12,00,000	7,99,359	7,787	4,08,428
Grand Total...	34,53,202	32,26,202	1,81,428	4,08,428
Net...	....	....	....	2,27,000

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23. The increase of Rupees 1,73,641, nearly eight per cent. on last year's demand of Land Revenue, is chiefly under Ryotwar, and is owing to a larger extent of wet land having been cultivated in consequence of a better water supply. The large decrease under the item of Abkarry has been explained; the falling off of the demand under License Tax is accounted for as follows:— Under Act XXI. of 1867 the rates were higher than under Act IX. of 1868. Under the former Act incomes above Rupees 200 and less than Rupees 500 were liable, whilst under the latter no incomes below Rupees 500 were so. In 1867 all Government servants were assessed rateably, whereas in 1868 a special rate of one per cent. was fixed on official incomes. The decrease under the item of Salt is, it is believed, due to an increased importation of sea salt into the district. The increase in the revenue from Stamps does not seem to call for any special remark.

Comparative collections.

24. As required in paragraph 9 of the Board's Circular Memorandum above referred to a comparative abstract of collections in the prescribed Form B. is given below, exhibiting a net increase of Rupees 2,10,268 over the last year. This is partly due to the increase in the Land Revenue beriz, and to the more punctual collections of kists and arrears as compared with last year:—

B.—Comparative Statement of Collection.

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Jody on Shrotriem Villages.	5,598	17,891	23,489	9,425	20,683	30,108	6,619	....
Ryotwar	2,38,276	17,60,361	19,98,637	2,40,382	20,41,307	22,81,689	2,83,052	....
Miscellaneous ...	80,284	1,58,823	2,39,107	93,115	2,08,564	3,01,679	62,572	....
Total...	3,24,158	19,37,075	22,61,233	3,42,922	22,70,554	26,13,476	3,52,243	....
Abkarry	1,97,056	5,10,481	7,07,537	92,923	5,02,410	5,95,333	....	1,12,204
Income Tax......	....	....	....	....	722	722	722	....
License Tax......	....	97,004	97,004	....	57,554	57,554	....	39,450
Salt	2,974	7,670	10,641	3,503	9,033	12,536	1,892	....
Stamps.........	....	1,89,637	1,89,637	....	1,96,702	1,96,702	7,065	....
Total...	2,00,030	8,04,792	10,04,822	96,426	7,66,421	8,62,847	9,679	1,51,654
Grand Total...	5,24,188	27,41,867	32,66,055	4,39,348	30,36,975	34,76,323	3,61,922	1,51,654
Net Increase...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,10,268

25. As directed in the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 30th June 1869, No. 689, a statement, showing the Talookwar particulars of the demand and collection of Land and other sources of Revenue for Fusly 1278, is sent with other accounts, an abstract of which is appended below:—

Items.	Land Revenue.		Abkarry.		Income Tax.		Stamps.	
	Demand.	Collection.	Demand.	Collection.	Demand.	Collection.	Demand.	Collection.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Arrears and Current	28,69,728	26,13,476	7,30,066	5,95,333	760	722	1,96,701	1,96,701

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26. The subjoined abstract statement shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of current Revenue from all sources:—

COLLECTIONS from all sources of Revenue.

Items.	Current demand.			Collections in the Fusly.			Balance.			Collections up to August.			Balance.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Jody on Shrotriem Villages	26,691	12	4	20,683	0	6	6,008	11	10	3,808	7	10	2,200	4	0
Ryotwar	21,45,890	2	4	20,41,307	2	7	1,04,582	15	9	81,649	7	1	22,933	8	8
Miscellaneous..	2,54,261	6	1	2,08,563	7	11	45,697	14	2	28,733	0	8	16,964	13	6
Total...	24,26,843	4	9	22,70,553	11	0	1,56,289	9	9	1,14,190	15	7	42,098	10	2
Abkarry	5,34,370	1	8	5,02,410	1	9	31,959	15	11	30,959	15	11	1,000	0	0
Income Tax ...	722	8	1	722	8	1	....	...	...	....	...	...	......	...	...
License Tax...	57,553	12	0	57,553	12	0	....	...	...	....	...	...	......	...	...
Salt	10,010	12	0	9,033	0	9	977	11	3	731	14	5	245	12	10
Stamps	1,96,701	11	8	1,96,701	11	8	....	...	...	....	...	...	......	...	...
Total...	7,99,358	13	5	7,66,421	2	3	32,937	11	2	31,691	14	4	1,245	12	10
Grand Total...	32,26,202	2	2	30,36,974	13	3	1,89,227	4	11	1,45,882	13	11	43,344	7	0

27. For the speedy realization of the somewhat heavy balance under Land Revenue active measures have been adopted. Owing to the indulgence granted in the previous years of scarcity the Tahsildars had become somewhat lax in this part of their duty, but have now been roused from their lethargy.

28. Statement No. 8 exhibits the collection of arrears of all sources of revenue, which amounted at the commencement of the Fusly to Rupees 6,44,017-5-8. There was a balance of Rupees 63,827-4-9 at the close of the Fusly, which has been reduced by subsequent collections up to the end of July to Rupees 58,215-3-7, of which Rupees 20,025-4-4 is now recommended for remission as irrecoverable, as detailed in the accompanying list marked R.

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Demand of arrears...	...	...	...	6,44,017	5	8
Remission...	1,40,841	12	1			
Collections...	4,44,960	6	0			
				5,85,802	2	0
Balance...				58,215	3	7

29. The above statement shows a balance of Rupees 20,092-9-8. The sum is made up as follows :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Land Revenue...	20,025	4	4
Road Cess...	67	5	4
Total...	20,092	9	8

The balance due under Land Revenue is made up of the arrears for eight Fuslies. Of this amount Rupees 6,654 are due in the Raidrug Talook for Fusly 1277, and it is known that Mr. Wedderburn, under the special sanction conveyed in the Board's Proceedings, intended to have granted large remissions in this talook, but was prevented doing so owing to the Tahsildar then in charge of the talook having failed to hold any azmaish. Hence the large balance of arrears against this talook, which would certainly not have appeared in the accounts had my predecessor been in a position to grant the remissions specially sanctioned in consequence of the previous disastrous years. The matter not having been disposed of at the settlement of the year in which the balance accrued the only alternative is to include the amount in the list of the irrecoverable balances which has now been done.

30. As directed in paragraph 8 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 17th June 1869, No. 4,345, I have the honor to append an abstract statement showing Fuslywar particulars of arrears remaining unadjusted at the close of the Fusly.

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STATEMENT showing the arrears of Revenue in the District of Bellary.

Fuslies.	Ryotwar.			Shrotriem Jody.			Miscellaneous.			Abkarry.			Salt.			Total.			Road Fund.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1268...	......	...	...	......	...	...	9	5	2	......	...	...	......	...	...	9	5	2	......	...	...
1269...	5	11	6	......	...	...	108	0	6	......	...	...	......	...	...	113	12	0	......	...	...
1270...	23	8	9	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...	23	8	9	......	...	...
1271...	40	12	1	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...	40	12	1	......	...	...
1272...	457	10	11	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...	26	0	0	483	10	11	......	...	...
1273...	487	6	0	7	9	2	38	9	0	......	...	...	3	12	0	537	4	2	......	...	...
1274...	830	4	4	......	...	...	780	1	6	......	...	...	161	12	0	1,772	1	10	27	5	8
1275...	4,326	4	11	122	12	6	6,496	12	7	3,754	13	2	400	0	10	15,100	12	0	1	13	9
1276...	6,250	10	1	132	15	7	7,278	8	11	......	...	...	582	4	9	14,244	7	4	3	2	3
1277...	16,080	1	8	195	7	4	14,850	3	0	......	...	...	375	14	6	31,501	10	6	8,248	5	4
Total...	28,502	6	3	458	12	7	29,561	8	8	3,754	13	2	1,549	12	1	63,827	4	9	8,280	11	0
Recommended for remission......	11,138	4	4	......	...	...	8,338	9	4	......	...	...	548	6	8	20,025	4	4	67	5	4
Balance...	17,364	1	11	458	12	7	21,222	15	4	3,754	13	2	1,001	5	5	43,802	0	5	8,213	5	8

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Coercive Process.

31. The extent to which coercive measures were employed in the collection of the revenue during the year under report is shown in Enclosure A. in Statement No. 8, of which the subjoined is an abstract :—

Fusly.	Processes issued.			Estimated value of property attached.	Property sold.	
	Number of Villages.	Number of Ryots.	Amount of arrears.		Estimated value.	Sale proceeds.
1278	628	3,399	80,260	75,949	21,169	13,791

The orders conveyed in the Board's Standing Order, No. $\frac{277}{2}$, dated 8th January 1869, regarding the service of process, have been carried out, and the amount collected under this head is Rupees 285-8-3; the charges paid amount to Rupees 173-5-2, leaving a net surplus of Rupees 112-3-1.

32. Statement No. 9 exhibits the gross collections and charges of the district during the year under report. The charges amount to 7¾ per cent. on the collections.

33. The extent of landed property possessed and acquired by public servants during the Fusly in the district is shown in the subjoined statement. Two persons have newly acquired land in the year under report:—

Items.	Number of Public Servants.	Extent.	Assessment.
			RS.
As per Fusly 1277	210	11,223	12,846
Deduct—Wholly relinquished in Fusly 1278	4	85	158
Relinquished in part in do.	....	22	28
Total ...	4	107	186
Balance ...	206	11,116	12,660
Add—Acquired in addition to former holdings... ...	....	13	51
Newly acquired in Fusly 1278...	2	14	139
Total ...	208	11,143	12,850

34. I regret to state that the manner in which the Talook and Village accounts are kept is by no means satisfactory. In one village, in the Kudlighi Talook, I found the daily collections account blank for the whole year. In the Hospett Talook, in Statement No. 5, Appendix C., which I examined in April, the balance was not once shown since the settlement. In Alur frauds carried on for a series of years showed that the entries in the cash Chittah had never been verified by the Sheristadar, who had signed his name as a matter of form merely to each day's account, owing to which

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the Nagady Goomastah and Shroff succeeded in appropriating some Rupees 3,000 and odd at different times before they were found out. I have done my best to remedy this state of things, and on my departure from the district I doubt not that it will engage the attention of my successor. The early issue of the new Manual is much to be desired, as many of the forms in the old one have been superseded.

35. The Sub-Collector's Report is enclosed herewith.

BELLARY, (Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,
8th September 1869. Collector.

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to forward the Settlement Report for the five Talooks of the Sub-division for Fusly 1278, (1868-69). The settlement was conducted by the late Acting Sub-Collector Mr. Sharp.

2. The subjoined statement shows the stations where Jummahbundy was conducted, the dates on which it was commenced and ended, the number of villages in each talook, and the number of puttahs distributed :—

Officer conducted the Jummahbundy.	Talooks.	Villages.	Number of Puttahs.	Days occupied for settlement.	Stations where settlement was conducted.	Date of the commencement and completion of the settlement.
F. R. H. Sharp, Esq. Acting Sub-Collector.	Anantapoor...	109	8,334	12	Anantapoor, Cocdair, and Maroor.... ...	From 11th to 22nd February 1869.
	Dhurmaveram	135	9,169	10	Dhurmaveram... ...	From 14th to 21st December 1868, and from 5th to 6th January 1869.
	Pengondah ...	90	6,730	11	Pengondah Bookapatam	From 20th February to 10th March 1869.
	Hindoopoor...	80	7,472	10	Hindoopoor, Palasamoodrum	From 9th to 18th January 1869.
	Madakserah...	143	6,897	7	Madakserah	From 19th to 25th March 1869.
	Total...	607	38,602	50		

The settlement was conducted at Cusbah Dhurmaveram only on account of the sickness of the Talook Sheristadar, which rendered it necessary for the Tahsildar to remain at head quarters. Mr. Sharp had previously made arrangements for distributing puttahs at Pairoor and Caliandroog. The necessity of meeting an officer of the Mysore Revenue Survey for the settlement of boundary disputes was the reason why settlement was made in only two places in the Hindoopoor and Pengondah Talooks. The death of the Tahsildar of Madakserah made it impossible for the Sheristadar to leave the Cusbah, and the settlement of the talook was, therefore, conducted at the Cusbah.

3. In the five talooks of the Sub-division there are 710 villages, with 1,048 hamlets. Of these villages 607 are ryotwary, and the remaining 103 are held on permanent quit-rent and Inam tenure. Last Fusly there were 609 ryotwar villages, but in the Fusly under report two shrotriem villages in the Madakserah Talook were enfranchised by the Inam Commissioner, and have been added to the number of villages assessed with permanent quit-rent.

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4. The following statement shows the increase and decrease in the number of puttahs :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
Resident Ryots	30,743	31,481	738	....
Non-resident Ryots	5,609	6,216	607	....
Total single Puttahs ...	36,352	37,697	1,345	....
Puttahs.				
Ryotwary...	36,352	37,697	1,345	....
Gonchee	970	905	....	65
Total...	37,322	38,602	1,280	....

State of the Season.

5. The season was on the whole a favorable one. Rain fell at a seasonable time, and the crops were above the average. The only talooks in which the rain-fall was at all deficient were Pengondah and Hindoopoor.

6. The principal sources of irrigation in the Sub-division being tanks the cultivation under them is given in the subjoined statement in comparison with that of the last five Fuslies :—

Fuslies.	Total number of tanks.	Supply of water.					Number of tanks not received any supply of water.	Cultivation.		
		Full.	Three-quarter.	Half.	Quarter.	Total.		Acres.	Assessment including Fasul Jasty	Demand.
									RS.	
1273	635	28	16	49	396	489	146	42,044	2,16,824	2,14,824
1274	635	267	112	100	95	574	61	56,970	3,14,914	3,12,914
1275	635	271	104	111	116	602	33	57,212	2,94,493	2,87,393
1276	635	421	81	100	33	635	......	57,883	2,96,688	2,95,488
1277	635	34	41	100	346	521	114	36,418	1,90,854	1,88,854
1278	635	193	60	116	229	598	37	47,464	2,60,086	2,58,286

The greater supply of water is the cause of the increase of cultivation under the tanks.

7. The following statement shows the prevalence and result of cholera in the Sub-division:—

Talook.	Months.	Number of Villages.	Number of persons attacked.	Paticulars.	
				Recovered.	Died.
Anantapoor	May and June	15	153	42	111

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Cholera made its appearance only at the end of the Fusly, and then only in a few villages of the Anantapoor Talook. Precautionary measures were taken and supplies of medicine distributed.

8. Fever was prevalent throughout the Fusly, as will be seen by the statement I attach. The number of persons attacked and the number of deaths are greater by 1,504 and 194, respectively, than in Fusly 1277. A blank return has been received from Dhurmaveram, but I cannot believe that this is correct. Further inquiries are being made.

The subjoined statement shows the prevalence and result of fever in the talooks :—

Talooks.	Months.	Number attacked.	Comparison.	
			Recovered.	Died.
Anantapoor	July to June	633	246	387
Dhurmaveram	....	....	....	....
Pengondah	July to June	696	420	276
Hindoopoor	Do. ...	527	54	473
Madakserah	Do. ...	1,978	1,756	222
Total...	....	3,834	2,476	1,358

9. The following statement shows the number of cattle attacked with murrain disease and the loss thereby resulted :—

Talooks.	Number of villages.	Number of cattle attacked with disease.	Recovered.	Died.		
				Tilling Cattle.	Others.	Total.
Anantapoor	2	42	6	25	11	36
Dhurmaveram	8	460	251	89	120	209
Pengondah	......	......	......	......	......	......
Hindoopoor	......	......	......	......	......	......
Madakserah	12	1,032	458	351	193	544
Total...	22	1,534	745	465	324	789

The talooks of Hindoopoor and Pengondah were free from murrain. It appeared in a severe form in Madakserah, and about 53 per cent. of the cases proved fatal. As compared with Fusly 1277 there is an increase of 490 in the number of cases, and of 177 in the number of deaths.

10. The price of grain in Fusly under report, as compared with prices obtaining in the previous Fusly, is given below:—

Grains.	In Fusly 1277, per garce.	In Fusly 1278, per garce	Comparison.		Per centage.
			Increase.	Decrease.	RS. A. P.
Paddy, 1st sort...	197	163	......	34	17 4 1
Do. 2nd „	179	148	......	31	17 5 1
Cholum...	240	155	......	85	35 6 8
Sujjaloo	231	149	......	82	35 8 0
Horse-gram	239	165	......	74	30 15 5
Raggy	229	143	......	86	37 8 10

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This fall of prices is attributable to the favorableness of the season and to the yield of good crops. The dry crops were more abundant than wet crops, and consequently the average prices of dry grains (cholum and raggy, etc.,) have fallen lower than the prices of paddy and other irrigated crops.

11. The statement below shows the increase and decrease in the Ryots' holdings :—

Fuslies.	Dry.		Wet.		Total.	
	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.
		RS.		RS.		RS.
1277	5,79,160	1,54,719	87,321	3,22,483	6,66,481	4,77,202
1278	6,05,378	1,58,825	87,584	3,25,599	6,92,962	4,84,424
Net Increase	26,218	4,106	263	3,116	26,481	7,222
Decrease	....	....	....	....	....	....
Actual Increase... ...	1,13,973	26,276	3,111	13,044	1,17,084	39,320
Do. Decrease... ..	87,755	22,170	2,848	9,928	90,603	32,098

Causes for the actual increase of occupancy.

Many of the tanks received an unusual supply of water, and lands which in less favorable years cannot be irrigated were in this year cultivated. In the Anantapoor and Dhurmaveram Talooks dry lands were taken up.

Causes for decrease.

Relinquishments on account of poverty, and the throwing up of lands under tanks receiving an insufficient supply of water.

12. The following statement shows the increase and decrease in the cultivation in the Fusly under report :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Comparison.			
					Increase.		Decrease.	
	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
Dry	5,25,968	1,41,185	5,99,281	1,56,712	73,313	15,527	......	......
Wet—								
Under Tanks ...	36,418	1,90,854	47,464	2,60,086	11,046	69,232	......	......
,, Nullahs ...	14,018	67,819	15,249	73,252	1,231	5,433	......	......
,, Wells. ...	21,077	25,995	21,188	28,642	111	2,647	......	......
Total...	71,513	2,84,668	83,901	3,61,980	12,388	77,312	......	......
Grand Total...	5,97,481	4,25,853	6,83,182	5,18,692	85,701	92,839	......	......

The increase in the cultivation, both in wet and dry lands, is chiefly due to the favorable nature of the season.

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The increase under the head of Well lands is unusually large. This is owing to the fact that water-rate charged on well lands irrigated from Government sources is included under the head of Well lands, and these rates were fixed* by my predecessor unusually high.

* Vide letter, No. 296, of 7th June 1869, to the Collector.

13. The statement below shows the amount of waste charged :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
Ryots' lands	10,161	18,123	7,962	......
Reddies' do.	2,720	3,418	698	......
Total...	12,881	21,541	8,660	......

14. The following statement shows the remissions granted in the year under report :—

	Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
Waste.	Dry...	11,921	......	......	11,921
Waste.	Wet—				
Waste.	Under Tanks	80,317	39,463	......	40,854
Waste.	Do. Nullahs	7,002	2,421	......	4,581
Waste.	Do. Wells.	368	......	......	368
	Total...	87,687	41,884	......	45,803
	Grand Total...	99,608	41,884	......	57,724
Cultivated.	For withered crops.	1,058	441	......	617
Cultivated.	Cowle	19	9	......	10
Cultivated.	Shamilat Dasavundam	530	636	106	......
Cultivated.	Kuttoobadi, Kuttoogutta, and Inam ...	506	518	12	......
Cultivated.	Shrotriemdars	663	354	.. ...	309
Cultivated.	Reddies and Curnums	99	75	......	24
	Total...	2,875	2,033	......	842
	Grand Total...	1,02,483	43,917	......	58,566

Causes of the decrease of remission on waste lands.

The remission on dry lands sanctioned last year by the Board of Revenue, in consequence of the unfavorable nature of the season, were discontinued. In Fusly 1277 it was found necessary to grant large remissions for Nunjah and Bagayet lands left waste, but this was not needed in the present Fusly.

Causes for the difference of remission on cultivated lands.

The increase of remission under the head of Shamilat Dasavundum is due to the increase of cultivation of lands on which this sort of Dasavundum remission is allowed.

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The decrease of Shrotriem remission is the result of the enfranchisement of the two shrotriem villages in the Madakserah Talook where a shrotriem remission was allowed when they were under ryotwar system.

The increase of cultivation of lands on which remission of Kuttoogutta, etc., were allowed is the cause of the increase in the small amount of remission under this head.

Last year remission of 24 Rupees was granted in excess to a Reddy in Dhurmaveram Talook, whose Inam was left waste so as to make up the proper amount of emoluments for his service. It was disallowed this year, his Inam having been cultivated.

15. The subjoined statement shows the increase and decrease of the lands held on cowle tenure :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Comparison.			
					Increase.		Decrease.	
	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.
		RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
Dry. ...	50	25	50	25	......	......	......	......
Wet. ...	3	16	1	10	......	.....	2	6
Total..	53	41	51	35	......	......	2	6

The period of cowle tenure of two acres, assessed at 6 Rupees, has expired and consequently there is a decrease. The lands still under cowle are of progressive cowle.

16. The following is the statement of sugar-cane, indigo, and cotton cultivation :—

Fuslies.		Sugar-cane.		Cotton.		Indigo.	
		Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.
			RS.		RS.		RS.
1277		1,427	9,373	4,471	1,922	36	59
1278		1,044	5,981	5,467	2,239	129	154
Comparison.	Increase....	....	... .	996	317	93	95
	Decrease...	383	3,392	....	....	....	.. ..

The increase of cultivation of cotton and indigo is to be attributed to the better fall of rain. The period between February and May is the suitable season for the sugar-cane cultivation ; the insufficiency of water at that time has been the cause of the decrease of the cultivation of sugar-cane, and the low rates offered for jaggery has also tended to produce the same result.

17. The statement below gives the comparison of the net demands of Fusly 1277 and 1278 under quit-rent and ryotwar :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Land Revenue...	4,22,978	5,16,659	93,681	......
Quit-rent on Shrotriem villages... ...	10,654	11,284	630	......
Total...	4,33,632	5,27,943	94,311	......

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The cause of the increase in the first head is explained in column 12, and that in the second head is due to the enfranchisement of two Shrotriem villages in Madakserah Talook, which were up to last year under ryotwar settlement.

18. Extra sources of revenue are given below, the Fusly under review being compared with previous one :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Abkarry...	2,11,103	1,10,990	......	1,00,113
License Tax...	26,350	12,683	.....	13,667
Salt Revenue	2,601	2,201	......	400
Stamp paper and penalty	38,071	36,395	......	1,676
Income Tax...	......	3	3	......
Total...	2,78,125	1,62,272	......	1,15,853

In previous Fuslies exorbitant amounts were bid for the farms and the consequence was that the contractors were unable to pay the kists, and the uncollected arrears had to be written off. These years more moderate and safer amounts were bid. The decrease under the head of License Tax is owing to the difference of rates imposed by Act XXI. of 1867, and Act IX. of 1868.

The item of Rupees 3 for Income Tax was collected under Act IX. of 1869, and is a deduction made from a pension in the Anantapoor and Pengondah Talooks for the months of May and June. Collections under this Act are only just commencing, chiefly because copies of the Act have only just been supplied.

Under Salt there is a decrease.

The revenue derived from Stamps always fluctuates to some extent. In this year the prices realised by the sale of crops above the average enabled the ryots to discharge their debts without putting their creditors to the trouble of a Civil suit. In good years there is less litigation and consequently less demand for stamp papers than in less favorable ones.

19. The fluctuations of all sources of revenue are shown below :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Land Revenue	4,33,632	5,27,943	94,311	......
Miscellaneous	51,469	58,267	6,798	......
Total...	4,85,101	5,86,210	1,01,109	......
Extra Revenue	2,78,125	1,62,272	......	1,15,853
Grand Total...	7,63,226	7,48,482	......	14,744

The causes for the increase of Land Revenue, and for decrease of Extra Revenue, are already explained in paragraphs 17 and 18, and those for the increase of Miscellaneous Revenue are explained below.

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20. The details of Land Revenue, Miscellaneous, are given below :—

	Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1	Rent on Babool Trees...	2,636	2,031	......	605
2	Old Topes...	682	341	......	341
3	New do.	902	347	......	555
4	Lukka rent (rent on sealing wax)... ...	41	37	......	4
5	Land Revenue brought to account after settlement...	15,718	20,810	5,092	......
6	Revenue of lands concealed by Curnums... ...	166	67	......	99
7	Do. from Dasavundars...	......	......	......	......
8	Do. from Inam attacked and confiscated... ...	224	105	......	119
9	Do. fines...	1,060	1,206	146	......
10	Quit-rent on Gardens of Bungalow...	10	10	......	......
11	Refund of salaries...	......	......	......	......
12	Sale of Receipt Books...	19	414	395	......
13	Jody...	16,931	17,282	351	......
14	Water rate on Inams...	2,940	4,545	1,605	......
15	Inam Taffrick...	190	248	58	......
16	Quit-rent on Bhutwarti Inams...	8,609	8,513	......	66
17	Do. on Dasavundum Inams...	733	733	......	......
18	Sale of Government Topes...	......	......	......	......
19	Do. of Palmyrah Trees	545	549	4	......
20	Extra collection...	63	136	73	......
21	Sale of unclaimed Buildings and Lands... ...	......	......	......	......
22	Do. of Puttah Books	......	863	863	......
	Total...	51,469	58,267	8,587	1,789
	Net...	......	......	6,798	......

The decrease under the 2nd and 3rd heads was caused by a failure of the mangoe crop and other fruit-bearing trees ; less amounts were, therefore, bid. No explanation is given why the Babool trees sold less.

The increase under the 5th head is partly owing to the increase of cultivation, but chiefly to other causes. The assessment which had been collected on lands which had been irregularly cultivated without filing a proper durkhast Mr. Sharp ordered to be credited to the head of Sevoy Jummah or Land Revenue, Miscellaneous. As a sort of punishment to the ryots he imposed double rates of assessment on these lands. For this reason the produce of some of these lands was attached and sold. The increase under this head is Rupees 1,214, particularized in the margin.

902	Double assessment.
286	Sale proceeds of produce of land.
26	Treble assessment.
1,214	

The decrease under No. 6 head shows that fewer instances of concealed cultivation have been detected.

The entries under No. 9 are necessarily of a fluctuating character. More fines seem to have been imposed in this year.

The increase under No. 13 is owing to Jody being credited under its proper head instead of under Quit-rent on Inams as was the case last year.

The increase under Nos. 14 and 15 is due to the increase of cultivation.

The decrease under No. 16 is caused by the fact that several Bhatwarti Inams have been sold for arrears of revenue in consequence of the failure of the Inamdars to pay quit-rent.

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Under head No. 22 is credited the receipt from the sale of Puttah books. None were sold in Fusly 1277.

21. The following table shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance at the end of the Fusly :—

Items.	Demand in Fusly 1278.	Collection.			Balance.			Per-centage on columns 2 and 8.
		Collected within Fusly.	Subsequently collected.	Total.	Recoverable.	Irrecoverable.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS. A. P.
Land Revenue...	5,27,943	4,74,163	......	4,74,163	52,231	1,549	53,780	10 3 0
Miscellaneous ...	58,267	32,721	......	32,721	20,071	5,475	25,546	43 13 0
Total...	5,86,210	5,06,884	......	5,06,884	72,302	7,024	79,326	13 8 6
Abkarry ...	1,10,990	1,02,999	......	1,02,999	7,991	......	7,991	7 3 2
License Tax ...	12,683	12,683	......	12,683	......	......	......	....
Salt Revenue ...	2,201	1,779	......	1,779	292	130	422	19 2 9
Stamps... ...	36,395	36,395	......	36,395	......	......	......	....
Income Tax ...	3	3	......	3	......	......	......	....
Total...	1,62,272	1,53,859	......	1,53,859	8,283	130	8,413	5 3 0
Grand Total...	7,48,482	6,60,743	......	6,60,743	80,585	7,154	87,739	11 11 7

Rupees 80,585 have still to be collected, and Rupees 7,154 are irrecoverable. Rupees 5,053 of this last sum is the Jody fixed on the Inam of village servants which cannot be collected, the Jody imposed being so heavy. The remaining Rupees 2,101 is irrecoverable from poverty and other causes. In some instances also Mr. Sharp imposed an excessive water tax, and then reduced it, ordering the difference to be entered at Khatla. These items are accordingly included in the account.

22. The Demand, Collection, and Balance of arrears is given below :—

Items.	Balance outstanding at the commencement of Fusly 1278.	Of which collected			Balance.		
		Within Fusly, including written off.	Subsequently.	Total.	Recoverable.	Irrecoverable.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Land Revenue	75,203	72,249	......	73,249	2,744	210	2,954
Miscellaneous	41,153	33,358	......	33,358	2,904	4,891	7,795
Total...	1,16,356	1,05,607	......	1,05,607	5,648	5,101	10,749
Sundry sources	64,198	63,222	......	63,222	837	139	976
Grand Total...	1,80,554	1,68,829	......	1,68,829	6,485	5,240	11,725

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23. The details of Irrecoverable balance are given below :—

Fuslies.	Talooks.	Land Revenue.	Land Revenue, Miscellaneous.	Sundry Sources.	Total.
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Fusly 1273.	Dhurmaveram	4 8 0	....	....	4 8 0
	Madakserah	23 15 0	....	....	23 15 0
	Total...	28 7 0	....	....	28 7 0
Fusly 1274.	Dhurmaveram	....	10 10 0	....	10 10 0
	Total...	....	10 10 0	....	10 10 0
Fusly 1275.	Anantapoor	1 15 0	9 12 0	....	11 11 0
	Dhurmaveram	....	9 12 0	....	9 12 0
	Total...	1 15 0	19 8 0	....	21 7 0
Fusly 1276.	Anantapoor	35 11 8	7 5 10	....	43 1 6
	Dhurmaveram	0 8 0	12 0 0	....	12 8 0
	Madakserah	....	4 5 6	....	4 5 6
	Total...	36 3 8	23 11 4	....	59 15 0
Fusly 1277.	Anantapoor	87 4 7	1,253 15 0	....	1,341 3 7
	Dhurmaveram	6 12 0	1,846 11 0	....	1,853 7 0
	Pengondah	7 14 0	460 2 5	....	468 0 5
	Hindoopoor	1 8 0	1,031 6 10	....	1,032 14 10
	Madakserah	40 2 7	245 0 6	139 0 0	424 3 1
	Total...	143 9 2	4,837 3 9	139 0 0	5,119 12 11
	Grand Total...	210 2 10	4,891 1 1	139 0 0	5,240 3 11

		RS. A. P.
Of Rupees 5,240-3-11 there are due by people dead, emigrated, and poor		80 1 3
Withered crops		81 12 4
Disputed boundary		25 6 3
Jody on Village Service Inams remitted, people being unable to pay		4,793 13 3
Inam Quit-rent		69 6 0
For lands taken up for road, etc.	1 8 0	
Quit-rent on Kuttubady Inam left uncollected, pending the Inam Commissioner's order	10 0 0	
Poor, being land left waste	57 14 0	
	69 6 0	
Neeroosanga on Inams		3 14 0
Salt Revenue, the people being unable to pay		139 0 0
Confiscated Inams		3 7 10
Emigrated	0 0 0	
Poverty	3 7 10	
	3 7 10	
Excess of cultivation, found on examination to have been submerged		35 7 0
Tope Rent		8 0 0
		5,240 3 11

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24. Coercive process in collecting Revenue :—

	Talooks.	Amount of Land Revenue due.			Value of property distrained.			Sold by auction.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1	Anantapoor	295	0	4	169	12	0	168	15	0
2	Dhurmaveram	1,176	11	5	1,103	5	4	431	3	0
3	Hindoopoor...	4,444	14	2	4,290	6	8	261	8	1
4	Madakserah...	435	11	3	348	1	0	411	5	0
	Total...	6,352	5	2	5,911	9	0	1,272	15	1

Coercive measures were less used than in the previous Fusly.

25. The following statement shows the extent and assessment of lands acquired by the servants of Sub-Collector's Office and Tahsildars' Cutcherries :—

	Items.	Number of individuals.	Lands acquired prior to employment.				Lands acquired in Fusly 1278 after employment.			
			Circar.		Inam.		Circar.		Inam.	
			ACS.	ASST.	ACS.	ASST.	ACS.	ASST.	ACS.	ASST.
Sub-Collector's Office.	Old servants... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	New servants employed... ...	1	212	185	...	...	2	27	...	...
	Total...	1	212	185	...	...	2	27	...	...
Talook Cutcherries.	Old servants... ...	1	...	...	...	...	2	27	...	...
	New servants employed... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total...	1	...	...	...	...	2	27	...	...
	Grand Total...	2	212	185	...	...	4	54	...	...

For the lands thus acquired newly regular accounts have been forwarded by their holders.

Conduct of the public servants.

26. Having so recently joined the Division I am unable to say much under this head. The Tahsildars of Hindoopoor, Pengondah, and Madakserah have all been appointed within the last six weeks. Mr. Sharp has left on record opinions favorable to the Anantapoor and Dhurmaveram Tahsildars. Sivaramappa, the Sub-division Sheristadar, has fully maintained the high character he had previously earned, and has been of great use to me in the preparation of this report.

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In conclusion, I must apologize for the brevity of this report, and for the crudeness of some of the explanations of which I am fully sensible. But I may remind that it is less than three weeks since I took charge of the Division, and the return is already so long over-due that I am unwilling to keep it back any longer.

ANANTAPOOR,
4th August 1869.

(Signed) J. KELSALL,
Acting Sub-Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

CUDDAPAH.

I HAVE the honor to submit with the usual Statements, in the forms received with the Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 825, of the 2nd August 1869, my Annual Report on the Settlement and the collection of the Revenues of this District for Fusly 1278, (A. D. 1868-69).

Villages at which the settlement was made.

2. Statement No. 1 shows the places at which, and the names of the several officers by whom, the Jummahbundy was conducted in each talook. Three talooks were settled by myself and three by the Acting Sub-Collector. The Acting Head Assistant, and the Deputy Collector on general duty, each settled three and two talooks respectively; the places of settlement being more than one in each talook, thereby affording the ryots every facility of access to the Settlement Officer. The Jummahbundy was commenced by me on the 15th January last, and was finished by myself at Voilpaud, in the talook of that name, on the 16th May 1869.

3. In the year under report 1,51,752 puttahs were issued, being 862 puttahs in excess of those issued in Fusly 1277, as shown below. The increase is chiefly owing to the extension of the area of cultivation, and partly to the transfer of lands:—

Fuslies.	Number of fresh puttahs.	Old puttahs modified by additional entries.	Old puttahs not altered.	Total.
1277	5,928	31,288	1,13,674	1,50,890
1278	3,894	37,699	1,10,159	1,51,752
Comparison...	— 2,034	+ 6,411	— 3,515	+ 862

4. I regret that the instructions of the Board in their Circular Memorandum, No. 1,206, dated 3rd December 1866, regarding the issue of puttahs in book forms, could not be carried out owing to the lateness of the date on which the Board sanctioned the charge for binding puttah and receipt books—*Vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 1,477, dated 5th March 1869.

5. Arrangements have, however, been made for ensuring the issue of the book form puttahs during the current Fusly.

Variation in the number and tenure of Villages.

6. There was no Hissa Shrotriem village enfranchised by the Inam Commissioner in Fusly 1278, the Anna Shrotriem villages of Seturanpully in Madanapully Talook, and Narasingarauzapuram in the Pullampet Talook, remaining as they were in Fusly 1277. The former, however, has been incorporated with the Government ayacut since, under the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,814, dated 25th June 1869, communicated with Board's Proceedings, No. 4,864, dated 7th July following.

7. The subjoined statement exhibits the result of the variation in the number and tenure of the villages:—

Fuslies.	Circar villages.	Shrotriem villages.	Kayem Jody villages.	Surva Inam, or rent-free.	Total.
1277	1,069	2	259	19	1,349
1278	1,069	2	264	14	1,349
Total......	......	......	+ 5	— 5	......

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8. The increase of five villages under Kayem Jody is owing to the inclusion under this head of as many villages which were erroneously shown as Surva Inam villages in the previous Fusly.

Season.

	Fusly 1277. Inch.	Fusly 1278. Inch.
April	0·7	0·11
May	0 52	0·70
June	2·32	4 90
July	1·95	4·97
August	4·12	0·74
September	3·80	1·51
October	3·27	2·10
November	0 35	1 68
December	0 22	...
January	...	...
February	...	...
March	...	·42
	17·12	17·8

9. The season was, on the whole, a favorable one. Although, as may be seen from the marginal Memorandum, the rain-fall was slightly less than in Fusly 1277, it was more seasonable and enabled the ryots to put down their Mungary crops in May and June, such as sujjalu, aricalu, jonna, corralu, and raggy, etc.

10. The out-turn of the Hingary crops of white jonna, cotton, corra, and horse-gram, etc., sown in September and October, was above the average in places where there was sufficient and seasonable rain-fall, but scantier where moisture was deficient in subsequent months. The months of December, January, and February were perfectly dry.

11. The out-turn of the irrigated crops was in some instances poor, owing to some of the tanks in the talooks of Budwell, Sidhout, and Pullampet having received but a partial supply.

Rain Register.

12. The accuracy of the rain registers kept in the talooks does not appear to be open to question generally. The Tahsildars in most talooks, I think, understand the management of the rain gauges. No opportunity is lost of impressing on them the great importance of accurate measurement. One Tahsildar returned the rain-fall as five inches instead of five tenths. This mistake was corrected. The instructions conveyed in paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings, No. 5,642, dated 4th August 1868, will be attended to in the current Fusly, (1279.)

Sanitary condition.

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
Deaths from Cholera ...	31	155
Do. Small-pox ...	966	1,591
Do. Fever and Ague.	12,379	18,567
Total..	13,376	20,313

13. There were 155 fatal cases of cholera during the Fusly year, but fever and small-pox of a virulent type prevailed throughout the district, 20,313 having succumbed to these diseases. In the margin is shown the increase of mortality over that in the preceding year.

14. Medicines were liberally administered, and there is reason to believe with considerable beneficial effect.

15. The health report of the district has already been separately submitted, together with a statement showing the ratio of mortality to the population, as called for in Board's Proceedings, No. 4,407, dated the 15th June 1868.

Mortality among Cattle.

Deaths in Fusly.	1277.	1278.
Tilling Cattle, etc. ...	8,096	7,115
Sheep and Goats, etc. ...	27,203	16,428

16. Murrain or saruku prevailed amongst cattle mostly in the talooks of Cuddapah, Madanapully, Kadiri, and Proddatur. The mortality was much less than in the preceding year, as shown in the margin.

Prices.

17. Statement No. 2 exhibits a marked fall in prices as compared with those obtaining in the preceding Fusly. Indeed, with the exception of that of paddy, prices, were much lower than the averages of the last ten years, as will be seen from the comparative abstract of prices below the statement.

18. This favorable circumstance is attributable to the improved out-turn of both the dry and wet crops, also to a comparatively less demand from without the district, owing to the season having been more favorable in the adjoining districts also.

Ryots' Holdings.

19. Statement No. 3 shows the ryots' holdings, cultivation, and net demand of the Fusly. Enclosure A. of this statement exhibits the holdings at the beginning of the year, and the subsequent alterations therein, the waste remitted and charged, and the extent of actual cultivation.

20. The subjoined comparative abstract of cultivation shows a net increase over Fusly 1277 of Acres 27,301, with an assessment of Rupees 77,639, or over 4 per cent. on the total assessment of Fusly 1277, namely, 17,93,834.

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Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Comparison.				With reference to Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 787, dated 14th August 1866, paragraph 4, clause 4.
					Increase.		Decrease.		
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	Acres.	RS.	Acres.	RS.	
Dry	11,54,946	8,35,526	11,70,494	8,23,497	15,548	....	....	12,029	
Wet	1,17,069	8,15,487	1,28,822	8,83,128	11,753	67,641	....	....	
Total...	12,72,015	16,51,013	12,99,316	17,06,625	27,301	67,641	....	12,029	Net increase... RS. 55,612
Fasul Jasty	....	51,293	....	63,871	....	12,578	....	....	
Teerwah Jasty	....	38,940	....	45,825	....	6,885	....	....	
Road Cess	....	52,588	....	55,152	....	2,564	....	....	
Total...	....	17,93,834	....	18,71,473	....	89,668	....	12,029	Do. 77,639
Deduct									
Remission as per Statement No. 4.	....	58,505	....	35,165	....	....	....	23,340	
Road Cess	....	52,588	....	55,152	....	2,564	....	....	
Total...	....	1,11,093	....	90,317	....	2,564	....	23,340	Net decrease... 20,776
Net demand	....	16,82,741	....	17,81,156	....	98,415	....	....	
Add Miscellaneous	....	1,84,286	....	1,86,344	....	2,058	....	....	
Total...	....	18,67,027	....	19,67,500	....	1,00,473	....	....	
				47	Deduction from the beriz of a Kayem Jody village in Pullampet Talook, as per Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 238, of March 1869.				

21. The increase in the extent is chiefly owing to lands newly taken up on durkhast, and to transfers of lands, etc., as may be seen from Enclosure A. in No. 3; but the net decrease of Rupees 12,029 is chiefly attributable to the reduction of Rupees 16,635-7-8 from the demand on dry lands irrigated by private wells, sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, No. 6,301, dated 4th September 1868, and approved by Government in their Order, No. 1,836, under date the 29th June 1869, Revenue Department.

Waste Remissions.

22. The extent left waste during the year under report was 72,073 Acres, assessed at Rupees 1,37,138, from the total holdings of 13,17,677 Acres, assessed at Rupees 18,06,245; the per centage of waste being about 7½, of which the amount of waste remitted was Rupees 99,620, or 69,979 Rupees less than in the preceding year.

Standing Circular Order, No. 137.

23. The remissions were large in the four talooks of the sub-division, owing to a failure of water in the tanks, etc. They were granted under the rules of 1st November 1865.

24. The annexed Memorandum shows the remissions granted under circumstances beyond the control of the ryots during the past five Fuslies:—

Fuslies.	Dry.		Wet.		Total.		Remarks.	
	Extent	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.		
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.		
1274......	545	606	13,763	73,413	14,308	74,019		
1275......	273	301	6,080	32,229	6,353	32,530		RS.
1276......	35	25	12,598	68,945	12,633	68,971	*From failure of water......	95,027
							Land taken up for roads, etc.	49
							Do. under ruined works...	4,535
1277......	18	12	30,313	1,69,588	30,331	1,69,599	Do. inundated...............	9
1278......	46	33	18,315	99,587	18,361	*99,620		
								99,620
	......	......	......	......	......	69,979	Net decrease.	

Waste charged.

25. The amount charged on lands (irrigated and unirrigated) left waste amounted to 37,518 Rupees, or about 78 Rupees more than in last year, as shown below:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Comparison.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Increase.	Decrease.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Dry..	50,038	17,716	49,398	20,055	2,339	......
Wet..	4,391	19,724	4,314	17,463	.....	2,261
Total...	54,429	37,440	53,712	37,518	Net. 78	......

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26. The particulars of waste charged on dry and wet lands are noted below:—

		RS.
1.	Lands retained for pasturage	3,888
2.	Waste through the ryots' negligence, and fallows	31,908
3.	Lands taken on reduced assessment, and left waste	136
4.	Do. under new wells	1,586
	Total...	37,518

From this it may be seen that the dry waste charged was on account of lands left waste or fallow either by litigation, neglect, or for pasturage, etc., and that the wet waste charged was on account of lands which inquiry at the settlement proved to have been left waste through carelessness, though the tanks and channels under which they are situated received a sufficient supply of water.

	RS.
Demand, last year	52,589
Do. current year	55,153
Increase	2,564

27. Under Road cess, imposed under the provision of Act III. of 1866, there is an increase of Rupees 2,564, or about 5 per cent. over the demand for Fusly 1277, which is owing to the charge being made on ryots who had taken up fresh lands during the year, and to certain cases which escaped notice in the preceding year having been brought under the impost in the Fusly under review.

Lands relinquished.

28. Under the head "Lands relinquished" there is a nominal increase of 4,835 Acres, assessed at Rupees 18,009, in dry, and a net decrease of 10 Acres, assessed at Rupees 850, in wet lands, as exhibited below. A sum of Rupees 16,635 and odd reduced from the demand on dry lands irrigated by private wells previous to 1860, sanctioned by Board's Proceedings of 4th September 1868, and approved by Government in their Order, No. 1,836, dated 29th June 1869, is included under the former; hence the real increase of Rupees 1,374 is accounted for by the lands relinquished having become unfit for cultivation:—

Fuslies.	Dry.		Wet.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1277	17,989	12,239	2,803	18,056
1278	22,824	30,248	2,793	17,206
Increase	4,835	18,009	....	....
Decrease	....	....	10	850

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Special Products.

29. Enclosure B. in Statement No. 3 exhibits the cultivation of sugar-cane, cotton, and indigo, showing a decrease under the first two items as shown below, which is easily accounted for by the low supply of water in the sub-division talooks in which sugar-cane is mostly cultivated, and by the fall in the price of cotton, which is mostly cropped in the talooks of Pulivendla, Jammalmadugu, and Poddatur:—

Fuslies.	Sugar-cane.	Cotton.	Indigo.
	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
1277	2,468	71,967	16,209
1278	2,187	55,921	41,348
Increase	......	......	25,139
Decrease	281	16,046	......

Progressive Cowle.

Remissions.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	98
„ 1278	254
	156 Increase.

30. Enclosure C. in No. 3 exhibits a net demand of 35 Rupees, and an increase of Rupees 156 under cowle remissions, over last year, consequent on a corresponding increase of cultivation under this tenure.

Principal sources of Irrigation.

* Nagaveram Anicut supplied to three tanks.

31. Statements of the principal irrigation sources in the district, and of the only ruined tank* made over to private individuals, are herewith submitted, the former as required by clause 5, paragraph 4, of the Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 787, of the 14th August 1866.

32. From the comparative abstract given below, of the actual revenue derived from our principal sources of irrigation, it is gratifying to observe that there is an increase of Rupees 16,805, or about 18 per cent. over last year:—

REVENUE from principal sources of Irrigation.

Fuslies.	Cultivation.		Actual revenue derived.
	Extent.	Assessment.	
	ACRES.	RS.	RS.
1277	17,011	1,60,053	93,864
1278	19,209	1,73,155	1,10,869
Increase	2,198	13,102	17,005

Particulars of Remissions.

33. The particulars of remissions of all kinds in comparison with those of the previous Fusly are shown in Statement No. 4. The decrease under "Shamilat Bunger" and "Shavy"

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or withered crops, amounting to Rupees 28,026, contrasts favorably with the remissions under those heads for the preceding year; the other variations being slight do not call for any remarks

Miscellaneous Item No. 5.

34. Statement No. 5 exhibits the Demand, Collection, and Balance on account of Miscellaneous items under Land Revenue, corresponding with the figures in the Demand, Collection, and Balance Statement for June last. To this statement is appended a separate Memorandum, explanatory of the nature and particulars of the settlement of each item, as directed by paragraph 7 of the Board's Circular quoted above.

35. The net increase of Rupees 2,058 in the demand under this head over last year is chiefly owing to the increase under the two items of "6, Land cultivated but not included in the Jummahbundy," and "52, Assessment on C. class lands held by the Railway Company," enumerated in the body of the Statement No. 5. A sum of Rupees 2,690-10-7, being Inam Taffrick, was transferred under Board's Proceedings, No. 1,121, dated 19th February 1869, to the Superintending Engineer. The variations of revenue under the other items of the statement do not call for remark, the name of each item accounting for the same.

Fuslies.	Land Revenue Miscellaneous Demand.	
	Arrears.	Current.
	RS.	RS.
1277	47,335	1,84,286
1278	70,855	1,86,344
Increase...	23,520	2,058

Statement No. 6.

36. Statement No. 6 shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of Shrotriem Jody villages enfranchised by the Inam Commissioner, there being no Zemindaries, Mootahs, or Poliputs in this district. The increase of Rupees 3,438 under "Arrears" is owing to quit-rents not being punctually paid up, as well as to the sanction for writing off irrecoverable balances having been received late. The net decrease of Rs. 50 under "Current" revenues is owing to the reduction from the shrotriem demand of Rs. 92 on account of the reduction from the beriz for Village Service Fund, (Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 230, dated March 1869,) and to the annual payments as compensation for Moturpha abolished in the five villages noted in the margin, as sanctioned in Government Order, No. 2,405, dated 17th September 1868, communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 6th October of the same year.

Shrotriem demand.

Fuslies.	Arrears.	Current.
	RS.	RS.
1277	6,716	41,461
1278	10,154	41,411
Increase...	3,438	...
Decrease...	...	50

	RS.
1. On account of Village Service Fund	47
2. Compensation on account of Moturpha in the five villages referred to in Government Order, No. 2,405, 17th September 1868	45
	92

1. Thuppepalli.
2. Tuogoottapalli.
3. Vencatarajupuram.
4. Anki Settipully.
5. Muddulapoi.

37. The Shrotriem village of Vadlavanipully, in the talook of Pulivendla, with a quit-rent of Rupees 42, was erroneously included last year under "1, Jody on Sundry Inams" of Statement No. 5, which in Fusly 1278 was included under "Current demand" of Statement No. 6, its legitimate place; hence a corresponding increase under this head.

Statement No. 7—Increase in Revenue.

38. Statement No. 7, of all Sources of Revenue, shows a net increase of Rs. 3,01,524, or 14 per cent. over last year, as will be seen from the subjoined Comparative Abstract of the collections of Revenue, current and arrears.

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Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Comparison.	
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Jody on Shrotriem and Surva Inam villages	4,635	32,466	37,101	8,814	32,871	41,685	4,584	......
Ryotwar	90,987	14,94,786	15,85,773	1,58,683	16,58,349	18,17,032	2,31,259	......
Miscellaneous	39,755	1,17,090	1,56,845	56,310	1,39,042	1,95,352	38,507	......
Total...	1,35,377	16,44,342	17,79,719	2,23,807	18,30,262	20,54,069	2,74,350	......
Abkarry	21,771	1,50,292	1,72,063	22,012	1,54,130	1,76,142	4,079	......
Stamps	......	1,48,555	1,48,555	......	1,80,881	1,80,881	32,326	......
License Tax	......	35,576	35,576	......	......	......	......	35,576
Income Tax	......	......	......	......	708	708	708	......
Profession and Trades' Tax	......	......	......	......	25,637	25,637	25,637	......
Total...	21,771	3,34,423	3,56,194	22,012	3,61,356	3,83,368	62,750	35,576
Grand Total...	1,57,148	19,78,765	21,35,913	2,45,819	21,91,618	24,37,437	3,37,100	35,576
Net...	......	......	......	......	......	......	3,01,524	......

39. The increase of Rupees 88,671 in the total collections of arrears over last year is nominal, as the portions of collections of revenue suspended during the famine year in the talooks of Kadiri and Royachoty were brought to account in the year under report, while the increase of Rupees 2,12,853 over last year, under "Current collections," is chiefly due to the season having been favorable, and consequently to less remission having been granted during the year.

40. In furtherance of the Board's instructions, conveyed in the Circular Memorandum, No. 689, dated 30th June 1869, a Statement in the prescribed form, of the Talookwar particulars of the Demand and Collections of Land and other sources of Revenue, accompanies the Report as an enclosure to Statement No. 7.

Statement No. 8.—Revenue Arrears.

41. Statement No. 8 exhibits the Collection on account of old balances of all sources of Revenue. In column 7 thereof is inserted a balance of Rupees 45,182 at the close of the Fusly under report, which was by subsequent collections up to the end of July last reduced to Rupees 43,602, or about 14 per cent. on the demand. From this balance a sum of Rupees 29,433-6-9 is recommended for remission as irrecoverable, the Fuslywar particulars of which are shown in the subjoined abstract, as directed by the Board in paragraph 8 of their Proceedings, No. 4,345, dated 17th June 1869.

Fuslies.	Shrotriem Jody.			Ryotwar.			Miscellaneous.			Total.			Amount recommended to be remitted as irrecoverable.			Balance.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1264......	......	...	...	70	9	10	......	...	...	70	9	10	......	...	...	70	9	10
1265......	......	...	...	7	15	2	......	...	...	7	15	2	......	...	...	7	15	2
1266......	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...
1267......	......	...	...	16	6	9	......	...	...	16	6	9	......	...	...	16	6	9
1268......	......	...	...	15	10	9	......	...	...	15	10	9	......	...	...	15	10	9
1269......	......	...	...	57	9	9	......	...	...	57	9	9	......	...	...	57	9	9
1270......	......	...	...	37	13	6	9	0	0	46	13	6	......	...	...	46	13	6
1271......	0	15	0	81	7	11	10	15	4	93	6	3	63	8	1	29	14	2
1272......	10	2	0	27	15	11	25	12	3	63	14	2	32	1	1	31	13	1
1273......	9	2	8	69	0	2	26	6	11	104	9	9	70	12	6	33	13	3
1274......	8	7	9	335	3	2	28	7	0	372	1	11	292	6	2	79	11	9
1275......	138	0	10	270	6	7	526	11	0	935	2	5	593	4	8	341	13	9
1276......	145	12	4	996	4	8	1,240	4	0	2,382	5	0	948	10	4	1,433	10	8
1277......	505	0	8	29,693	5	1	9,237	3	9	39,435	9	6	27,432	11	11	12,002	13	7
Total...	817	9	3	31,679	13	3	11,104	12	3	43,602	2	9	29,433	6	9	14,168	12	0

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42. The various causes reported for the above sum being irrecoverable are shown in the subjoined statement, and I request sanction to write off the same in the accounts :—

STATEMENT showing particulars of Irrecoverable Balances.

Number of persons.	Amount including Ryotwar, Shrotriem, and Miscellaneous.	Cause for being irrecoverable.
	RS. A. P.	
10	102 0 4	Owing to deaths, desertions, and indigent circumstances of ryots.
396	3,155 8 7	Owing to double entries by mistake in the accounts, by erroneous charges of Teerwah Jasty, by assessment of Inams relinquished and of those released from attachment by orders of Inam Commissioner; assessment of withered crops erroneously brought to account subsequent to Jummahbundy, etc.
243	1,420 15 5	Assessment of lands purchased by Government at nominal prices under Board's Circular Order, No. 273, etc.,
75	679 15 6	Assessment of lands remitted in compensation for Village services, etc. Inam lands taken for public purposes.
2	15 12 6	Assessment of lands granted rent-free for sites of Missionary School-houses.
12	163 11 2	Assessment of sequestered Dasavandum Inams subsequently restored, the source of irrigation having been found on inquiry to be in a state of repair.
192	1,134 12 5	Assessment of lands taken for public purposes, such as Railway Company, Irrigation and Canal Company, and Department Public Works.
930	6,672 11 11	
16,953	22,760 10 10	Assessment of dry lands remitted on account of loss of crops in the talooks of Kadiri and Royachoty at a proportion of 30 per cent. on the assessment—*Vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 13th October 1868, No. 7,323.
Total. 17,883	29,433 6 9	

Enclosure A. in Statement No. 8.—Coercive Process.

43. In the three talooks of Budwell, Kadiri, and Voilpaud no property was sold for arrears, while in the talooks of Madanapully, Pulivendla, and Sidhout coercive measures were resorted to to a rather large extent.

44. From Enclosure A. in No. 8 it may be seen that out of property to the value of Rs. 8,212 attached it was only necessary to sell property to the value of Rupees 1,946, or 24 per cent. on the value attached.

Amount of fees collected.	Amount paid to Process Servers, etc.	Balance at close of Fusly.
RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
196 9 0	196 6 0	0 3 0

Circular Order, No. 1 of 1869.

45. The amount of fees collected in the service of processes, etc., and that paid to Process servers and salesmen, etc., is shown in the margin, as directed in paragraph 7 of Board's Standing Circular Order, No. 277-2.

Gross Collections and Charges.

46. Statement No. 9 shows a net increase in collections, current and arrears, of Rupees 3,01,522 over the preceding year, though there was a deficit of Rupees 35,575 under License Tax, owing to new enactments, against a net decrease of Rupees 1,195 in the charges, the variations in which will be noticed below.

47. The decrease of Rupees 2,417 in the salaries of the Collector, Sub-Collector, etc., is owing to no permanent Collector having been appointed to the district till lately, and to its 1st Class Deputy Collector having been admitted to a Superannuation pension.

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48. The decrease of Rupees 608 under "Huzoor and Talook Establishments" is chiefly due to the salaries of servants on privilege leave being withheld till they rejoin their appointments. The decrease of Rupees 535 under "Saderward" is due to the strict observance of the rules regulating the charges both in the Huzoor and in Talooks. The decrease of Rupees 2,266 under License Tax establishment and refunds do not call for special remarks, as the Act was repealed before the second half of the Fusly under review.

49. The increase of Rupees 615 under "Medical charges" is due to the increased scale of salaries of the Hospital Assistants attached to the Collectorate, while the increase of Rupees 1,331 under Stamps is attributable to commissions on large sales of stamps under the discount system, as well as to the duties refunded on stamp certificates of the Civil Courts.

50. The total charges are in the proportion of 9 per cent. on the gross collections.

Board's Standing Circular, No. 186-1, (XV. of 1868,) Clause 3, paragraph 2.

51. No applications have been made for the sub-division of the joint liability of share-holders of enfranchised whole Inam villages held under joint tenure to the payment of quit-rent to Government.

Second crop assessment on one crop Nunjah Inam, etc.

52. With reference to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,070, dated 31st March 1869, I have to observe that the practice of charging "Fasul Jasty" on irrigated Inam lands does not obtain in this district.

53. Referring to paragraph 2 of the said Proceedings a sum of Rupees 10,716, made up of the items marginally noted, has been collected during the year under report on unirrigated Inam lands and credited to "Water tax," etc.,—Item No. 46 in Statement No. 5—under "Current demand." All the three items noted above bear an analogy to the different kinds of water rates obtaining in the case of Circar lands.

	RS
Teerwah Jasty on dry Inams	9,821
Fasul Jasty do.	179
Nirsarigy	716
	10,716

54. It appears that "Teerwah Jasty" is charged on dry Inam lands for Government water irrigating them, and again "Fasul Jasty" or second crop assessment on the same Inam when a second crop is raised with Government irrigation. When Government water from tanks and channels is utilized in irrigating Inam lands under what are locally called "Dasavandum wells" Nirsarigy or water rate is charged.

Lands acquired by Public Servants.

55. The extent of landed property possessed and acquired during the Fusly by public servants in the district is given below:—

Items.	Number of Public Servants.	Extent.	Assessment.
		ACRES.	RS.
As per Fusly 1277	149	14,933	23,111¼
Deduct relinquishment in Fusly 1278	...	...	...
Remainder	149	14,933	23,111¼
Add { Acquired in addition to former holdings	...	...	...
Add { Newly acquired in Fusly	1	5½	19¼
Total	150	14,938½	23,130½

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Village and Talook accounts.

56. Agreeably to the orders contained in the Board's Standing Circular Order, No. V., of 18th January 1864, and in their Proceedings, No. 3,479, dated 4th July 1861, I have to report that the Talook and Village accounts are for the most part kept in pretty good order. I intend to direct more attention to this subject.

57. The Acting Sub-Collector's Report is herewith forwarded.

(Signed) T. D. HARDINGE,
Acting Head Assist. Collector, for Collector.

1st September

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to submit the Settlement accounts and Report of the Sub-division for Fusly 1278.

2. The settlement of the talooks of Madanapully, Royachoty, and Kadiri were conducted by me, and that of Voilpaud by the Collector.

Madanapully Talook...	Madanapully. Gattoo.
Royachoty do. ...	Royachoty. Neelacuntrawpett.
Kadiri do. ...	Kadiri. Tanacull.
Voilpaud do. ...	Voilpaud. Gurrumcondah.

3. Puttahs were distributed at two stations in each of the Talooks as noted in the margin.

4. The time occupied in the settlement of each of the talooks is shown in the accompanying statement. The delay in the Madanapully Talook was owing to the accounts not having been completed before the settlement commenced:—

	Months.	Days.
Royachoty Talook, from January 14th to January 26th, 1869.	0	13
Kadiri Talook, from February 10th to February 19th, 1869...	0	10
Madanapully Talook, from March 10th to April 15th, 1869..	1	7
Voilpaud Talook, from May 10th to May 21st, 1869	0	12
	2	12

5. The following statement shows the number of Ryotwary villages in each talook, which is the same as last year:—

NUMBER of Ryotwary Villages.

Talooks.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
Royachoty	88	88
Kadiri	127	127
Voilpaud	105	105
Madanapully	88	88
Total...	408	408

6. There was a decrease in new puttahs of 462, and of 652 in old puttahs unchanged; while there was an increase of 1,271 under the head of Old puttahs altered.

No.	Talooks.	NEW PUTTAHS.		OLD PUTTAHS ALTERED.		OLD PUTTAHS UNCHANGED.		TOTAL.	
		Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
1	Madanapully	284	237	4,102	3,437	6,786	7,666	11,172	11,340
2	Voilpaud	622	629	4,805	6,055	12,789	11,355	18,216	18,039
3	Royachoty	622	425	2,752	3,046	13,913	14,060	17,287	17,531
4	Kadiri	736	511	2,057	2,899	9,959	9,714	12,752	13,124
	Total...	2,264	1,802	13,716	15,437	43,447	42,795	59,427	60,034
		...	Decrease. 462	...	Increase. 1,721	...	Decrease. 652	...	Increase. 607

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7. Since I took charge of the sub-division on the 29th October 1868, I have resided within my division except for nineteen days spent at Cuddapah.

8. The season has, on the whole, been favorable to cultivation, especially to the dry crops on which the well-being of the sub-division talooks mainly depends. The following statement shows the rain-fall as compared with Fusly 1277. From May till November rain fell in all the talooks, and although the tanks were many of them only partially supplied the fall was most timely for the dry crops. The increase over the rain-fall of last year was rather over six inches on an average of all the talooks:—

No.	Months.	Roya-choty.		Madana-pully.		Kadiri.		Voilpaud.	
		I.	T.	I.	T.	I.	T.	I.	T.
1	July 1868	4	0	4	7	5	1	3	3
2	August ,,	2	8	1	1	2	4	1	0
3	September ,,	5	1	5	6	7	1	7	4
4	October ,,	3	7	4	9	1	6	6	8
5	November ,,	0	5	1	1	1	7	1	0
6	December ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	January 1869	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	February ,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	March ,,	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	8
10	April ,,	...	...	0	1	...	...	...	5
11	May ,,	0	2	0	5	1	5	0	1
12	June ,,	2	8	1	0	2	3	2	4
	Total...	19	2	20	1	22	0	23	3
	Fusly 1277 ...	7	6	17	0	12	1	23	6

9. The following return of tanks which filled, and which received half supply, shows an increase of 35 under the former head, and of 143 under the latter :—

No.	Talooks.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.	
		Tanks fully received.	Tanks half received.	Tanks fully received.	Tanks half received.
1	Madanapully	145	413	131	843
2	Royachoty	0	551	26	180
3	Voilpaud	19	245	32	312
4	Kadiri	50	190	60	207
	Total...	214	1,399	249	1,542
				Increase. 35	143

The chief increase in tanks filled, it will be observed, is in the Royachoty talook ; while in Madanapully there is a decrease of 14 compared with last Fusly. The rain-fall in these hilly talooks is always very partial, and generally comes in heavy showers, which are only local in their effect.

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10. The average produce of dry and wet crops is given below. The yield was more plentiful than last year and no blight attacked the crops. Rain fell at seasonable times, both for sowing and for maturing the various grains. Prices have been generally much lower, though at the close of the Fusly there was a tendency to rise, owing to great quantities of dry grain being exported to Chittoor :—

No.	Talooks.	Dry crops.	Wet Crops.		
			Under Tanks.	Under Channels.	Under Wells.
		Annas.	Annas.	Annas.	Annas.
1	Royachoty	8	9	8	12
2	Voilpaud	8	12	8	12
3	Madanapully	12	12	12	16
4	Kadiri	12	11	11	12
	Total...	40	44	39	52
	Average...	10	11	10	13

11. The sanitary state of the sub-division was not so good as during the former Fusly. Small-pox and fever were very prevalent in all the talooks, and especially in the north of Kadiri and the eastern parts of Voilpaud. Medical aid was afforded in both localities it is hoped with good effect. The talooks of Kadiri and Royachoty were free from cholera, and that of Madanapully nearly so.

In the talook of Voilpaud 1,555 persons were attacked, and 813 died. The disease was brought into that talook from Tirupathy.

In the same talook small-pox was most virulent; the deaths having been 885 against 269 in the other three talooks. Looking, however, at the filthy condition of the generality of the villages, and the quantity of manure and dirt collected round the houses, the only wonder is that so comparatively few persons are carried off by epidemic disease.

No.	Disease.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.		
		Attacked.	Died.	Recovered.	Attacked.	Died.	Recovered.
1	Fever	4,075	2,603	1,472	6,768	4,123	2,645
2	Cholera	69	49	20	1,587	825	762
3	Small-pox	690	235	455	2,230	1,154	1,076
	Total...	4,834	2,887	1,947	10,585	6,102	4,483

12. The loss of cattle by disease compares favorably with that of the preceding Fusly. Pasturage and water are always very scarce during the hot months, and little care is taken to store fodder for cattle; hence they become out of condition and weak, and fall easy victims to any prevalent disease.

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STATEMENT of loss of Bullocks, etc., by disease.

Fuslies.	Goats and Sheep.	Buffaloes.	Bullocks and Cows.	Total.
1277	20,473	2,893	1,694	25,060
1278	11,718	933	1,200	13,851
Decrease...	8,755	1,960	494	11,209

13. PRICES of Grain.

Grains.	Prices.		Decrease.
	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Paddy, 1st sort	242	215	27
Do. 2nd do	221	191	30
Rice, 1st do	527	472	55
Do. 2nd do	473	414	59
Jonnalu	270	207	63
Sujjalu	263	194	69
Ragulu	263	194	69
Horse-gram	251	200	51
Aricalu	238	219	19

There is a decrease in the price of all kinds of grain, owing chiefly to the favorable nature of the season, and also to the increased facilities of import afforded by the Railway to Cuddapah and thence to the sub-division. A good deal of the better kinds of grain were imported from Cuddapah to Madanapully, and from Bellary to Kadiri.

14. Statement No. 3 exhibits a net increase of Land revenue, amounting to Rs.63,369-12-0. This is almost entirely due to the better supply of water. Under the heads of Fasul Jasty and Teerwah Jasty the increase is Rupees 10,964. Under the head of Miscellaneous there is an increase of Rupees 393-14-6. This is attributable to the more favorable nature of the season, and the consequently increased prosperity of the ryots. The decrease of remissions, amounting to Rupees 2,089-4-9, is explained in paragraph 19.

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COMPARATIVE Statement of demand of Land Revenue.

Items.	Fusly 1277. Extent.	Fusly 1277. Assessment.	Fusly 1278. Extent.	Fusly 1278. Assessment.	Increase.	Decrease.
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Dry	5,34,826	2,40,478 1 3	5,50,587	2,40,836 7 11	358 6 8	....
Wet	40,027	2,54,866 0 0	49,016	3,04,824 2 3	49,958 2 3	....
Total...	5,74,853	4,95,344 1 3	5,99,603	5,45,660 10 2	50,316 8 11	
Fasul Jasty	....	15,848 1 6	....	23,011 1 6	7,163 0 0	....
Teerwah Jasty	....	9,957 0 7	....	13,757 14 11	3,800 14 4	....
Nersarigy	....	....	....	....	....	....
Road Fund	....	16,080 10 4	....	18,060 15 3	1,980 4 11	....
Village Service Fund	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total...	...	5,37,229 13 8	....	6,00,490 9 10	63,260 12 2	
Deductions.						
Road Fund	....	16,080 10 4	....	18,060 15 3	1,980 4 11	....
Remission in 4th Statement	....	6,568 5 10	....	4,479 1 1	....	2,089 4 9
Village Service Fund	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total...	....	22,649 0 2	....	22,540 0 4	1,980 4 11	2,089 4 9
Remainder	....	5,14,580 13 6	....	5,77,950 9 6	63,369 12 0	....
Miscellaneous beriz	....	38,390 6 2	....	38,784 4 8	393 14 6	....
Total...	....	5,52,971 3 8	....	6,16,734 14 2	63,763 10 6	....

The large increase under the head of Demand on wet lands, Rupees 49,958, and also of Fasul Jasty and Teerwah Jasty is, of course, owing to the increase in the rain-fall. There is only a slight increase of Rupees 358 in dry cultivation.

15. Enclosure A. in Statement No. 3 shows an increase in ryots' holdings of Rupees 358 in dry land, and of Rupees 1,089-8-8 in wet land. Dry lands were relinquished to the amount of Rupees 9,057, and taken up to the amount of Rupees 9,415; while in wet lands the assessment of those relinquished was Rupees 5,430, and of those taken up Rupees 6,520.

16. Remissions on wet lands amounted to Rupees 84,220-2-4, which shows a decrease of Rupees 48,868-9-7 when compared with last Fusly. Wet land cultivation amounted to Rupees 2,96,580-13-2, being an increase of Rupees 54,257-14-4 on that of last year. Dry cultivation was Rupees 2,34,097, being Rupees 1,160-6-10 in excess of the previous season. The remissions on Shamilat Bunger, or portions of fields left waste, is very small when compared with those of the previous Fusly, and amounted only to Rupees 59-11-9.

The dry land left waste was taxable at Rupees 6,739-5-8 against Rupees 7,511 in last year; no remission was granted. Wet land left waste was charged to the amount of Rupees 8,183-9-4, being a decrease of Rupees 1,778-3-9 on that charged during last Fusly.

17. Enclosure B. in Statement No. 3 shows the cultivation of sugar-cane, cotton, and indigo. There is a decrease in the cultivation of cotton and sugar-cane, and a slight increase in indigo. The decrease of the two former crops is owing to the larger profit obtainable from other crops.

18. Enclosure C. in Statement No. 3 requires no remark, as the canal does not pass through the sub-division.

19. Statement No. 4 shows the several kinds of remissions. Under the head of Shamilat Bunger there is a decrease of Rupees 2,521-8-4, and no remissions were granted for withered crops. There is also a decrease under the head of Wet land cultivated with dry crops, on which half the nunjah assessment is charged. Remissions on seed destroyed also shows a slight decrease of Rupees 21-1-1.

20. The increase in Items Nos. 2, 4, 5, and 7 of permanent remission is owing to the cultivation having been more extensive. The decrease of Rupees 4-6-10 under Item No. 6 is owing to the cultivation having been less.

The decrease of Rupees 2-9-1 in remission on topes is owing to the conditions under which the land was granted not having been complied with. The land was granted for planting a tope, but the holder subsequently cancelled his application, and the land was fully assessed.

The pay of Village servants, amounting to Rupees 68, has been deducted from the beriz of the villages concerned, according to the late orders of the Board for this Fusly.

21. Statement No. 5.—There is a decrease of Rupees 306-8-6 in the current demand under the head of Miscellaneous, owing to the transfer of stamps from that head.

Water tax on Inam lands shows an increase of Rupees 1,005-14-0, and cultivation after Jummahbundy an increase of Rupees 2,327-4-11. This is entirely owing to the larger rain-fall.

Concealed cultivation shows an increase of Rupees 299-4-3, but I am unable to state whether this is owing to increased watchfulness on the part of the Revenue Inspectors, or to greater laxness on the part of the village officials. Several of the latter were punished by fine or suspension. There is a large decrease of Rupees 3,876-8-0 in tope rents owing to the fruit trees having failed.

The item of Maramut Taffrick has been transferred to the Public Works Department, so that no collections are shown under that head.

There is an increase in the quit-rent and jody payable on Inams of Rupees 209-7-6, owing to many having been enfranchised during the past year.

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There is a decrease in the over-collections from the ryots of Rupees 206-8-7, owing to many village officials having been punished for carelessness in making collections.

The other items do not appear to call for any particular remark.

22. Statement No. 6.—The number of permanently settled villages is the same as last year, namely, sixty-two. The total demand is Rupees 3-5-8 less than last year, owing to the deduction of Moturpha, Quit-rent, in two villages under sanction of Government in their Proceedings, No. 2,405, dated 17th September 1868.

The outstanding balance in these villages is larger this year than last by Rupees 1,399-11-11. This is, however, in course of realization.

23. Statement No. 7.—The balance of the current land revenue up to the end of the Fusly was Rupees 73,584-6-6, which is Rupees 43,099 less than last year. Subsequent collections up to the end of July were Rupees 40,031-12-9.

The balance is Rupees 33,552-9-9 against Rupees 59,517-10-10 at the same period last year. The collections and balance of arrears show an increase this year of Rupees 24,397-13-11. This, however, is owing to a large amount of dry remission, Rupees 22,760-10-10, still standing as balance in the demand, but which is recommended to be struck off this year.

There is a decrease of Rupees 394 under Stamps, and of Rupees 474 under License Tax.

There is an increase under all other heads owing to the season having been favorable.

COMPARATIVE Statement of demand of current Revenue and Arrears.

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanent Settlement Jody on Shrotriem villages	830	7,947	8,777	1,130	7,944	9,074	297	......
Ryotwar...	45,783	5,14,581	5,60,364	1,01,590	5,77,951	6,79,541	1,19,177	......
Miscellaneous items.	10,676	38,390	49,066	16,806	38,784	55,590	6,524	......
Total...	57,289	5,60,918	6,18,207	1,19,526	6,24,679	7,44,205	1,25,998	......
Abkarry...............	3,422	40,171	43,593	5,765	40,145	45,910	2,317	......
Stamps	......	39,037	39,037	......	38,642	38,642	......	395
Income Tax...	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
License Tax	......	3,322	3,322	......	2,848	2,848	......	474
Total...	3,422	82,530	85,952	5,765	81,635	87,400	2,317	869
Grand Total...	60,711	6,43,448	7,04,157	1,25,291	7,06,314	8,31,605	1,28,315	869

The Enclosure A. in Statement No. 7 is prepared according to the new form received with the Board's Circular Order, No. 689, of 30th June 1869.

24. Statement No. 8.—The arrears of balance at the end of June 1869 were Rs. 27,439-1-7. Subsequent collections reduced this balance to Rupees 26,526-15-6. Of this sum Rs. 23,244-11-8

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are irrecoverable, and I request that sanction may be given for writing off this amount. The particulars are given below:—

	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
FUSLY 1273.		
Quit-rent due on Inam land which has been zufted....	....	0 4 0
FUSLY 1274.		
Assessment erroneously entered in Puttah as cultivated. ...	6 14 8	
Assessment due upon Puttah lands sold for arrears and purchased by private individuals..........................	42 15 0	
Assessment due upon Puttah lands purchased by Government at a nominal price..................................	20 11 4	
		70 9 0
FUSLY 1275.		
Quit-rent on zufted Inam lands..................................	0 4 0	
Teerwah Jasty erroneously charged on dry land under a private tank..	17 5 6	
		17 9 6
FUSLY 1276.		
Assessment due on Puttah lands purchased by Government at a nominal price..	23 15 2	
Assessment on Puttah lands sold for arrears and purchased by private individuals..	46 8 7	
Quit-rent on zufted Inam land.	0 4 0	
Teerwah Jasty erroneously charged on dry land watered by a private tank..	11 10 10	
Assessment on Service Inam land, of which the holder was dismissed..	4 15 2	
Water tax erroneously charged...	1 13 5	
		89 3 2
FUSLY 1277.		
Assessment on dry lands in the Kadiri and Royachoty Talooks, being the two last kists, the suspension of the collection of which was ordered by the late Acting Collector under the authority conveyed in Proceedings of Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1868, which amount is now recommended to be struck off as irrecoverable....	22,760 10 10	
Assessment erroneously entered on land on which the land tax was redeemed..	1 8 10	
Assessment of land granted in lieu of Service Inam..........	18 1 3	
Assessment of land granted in lieu of Service Inam, which had become unprofitable..	12 0 5	
Assessment of erroneously zufted Dusbundum Inams........	24 0 8	
Assessment of lands granted in lieu of Service Inams taken up for a public road..	18 11 10	
Assessment due on Puttah lands purchased by Government at a nominal price..................	6 8 3	
Assessment due on Puttah lands sold for arrears, and purchased by private individuals..................................	14 14 7	
Assessment on erroneously zufted Service Inam.	13 7 8	
Quit-rent on zufted Inam land..................................	0 4 0	
Assessment charged on withered crops, and remitted by Settlement Officer subsequent to the Jummahbundy...........	68 10 3	
Tope rent on Tamarind trees destroyed by fire.................	7 8 0	
Quit-rent on a zufted Service Inam.	1 15 5	
Assessment erroneously charged on waste land...	22 10 9	
Teerwah Jasty erroneously assessed on dry lands............	25 5 10	
Assessment charged on lands newly occupied and left uncultivated	37 10 5	
Quit-rent erroneously fixed on a Shrotriem village...........	33 1 0	
		23,067 2 0
Total....................		23,244 11 8

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In your letter, No. 124, dated 30th June 1869, you directed that no further steps should be taken for collecting the outstanding balances of the two last kists on dry land in the Royachoty and Kadiri Talooks, and stated that the order of the late Acting Collector, directing these non-collections, must be considered equivalent to an order for remission. At the same time I was directed to remark on the matter in my Settlement Report. The reasons for this remission were fully explained in my predecessor's letters, Nos. 17 and 22, dated 26th February, and 6th March 1868.

I have now the honor to request that sanction may be obtained for writing off Rupees 22,760-10-10 as irrecoverable. A sum of Rupees 376-14-3 in Royachoty, and Rupees 68-8-8 in the Kadiri Talook, had been collected out of the sum of Rupees 23,206-1-9 mentioned in your letter. The amount of the other items recommended for remission is Rupees 484-0-10, or Rs. 51 less than the amount recommended last year.

25. Enclosure A. in Statement No. 8.—There is an increase in the number of instances in which coercive measures were employed for the collection of arrears.

There were no sales of moveable or immoveable property in Voilpaud or Kadiri Talooks. The value of lands sold in Madanapully was Rupees 274-14-0, compared with Rupees 201-7-0 last year.

A sum of Rupees 315-10-0 was realised on the moveable and immoveable property of five individuals in the same talook.

26. Statement No. 9.—There is an increase in the gross collections during the last Fusly of Rupees 1,47,011-5-5, the cause of which has already been explained.

The net increase in Disbursements is Rupees 36,122-8-0. This is chiefly due to the disbursement of the salaries of the Revenue Settlement Department in the Talooks of Voilpaud and Royachoty. There is also an increase of Rupees 690 in the payment of the Huzoor and Talook Establishments, owing to the increased salary of the Dresser attached to the sub-division.

27. Statement No. 10.—There are six tanks in the sub-division, having each a combined Circar and Inam ayacut exceeding Rupees 3,000. Out of a total Circar ayacut of Rupees 33,461 only Rupees 10,958 was collected last year, while this year Rupees 20,705 was realised.

28. Statement No. 11.—No ayacut tanks are given on dry sist in this Fusly. The wet cultivation under fourteen tanks previously handed over is Rupees 218 against Rupees 87 in last year. The rate of Rupees 3 per acre is generally too high to afford a fair profit to the ryots taking up the tanks for repairs. The assessment of the Chinaganypully tank in the Kadiri Talook was erroneously entered last year as Rupees 132. The proper amount, Rupees 170, has now been entered.

29. The following is a Statement of lands newly acquired in this Fusly by public servants:—

Name.	Office.	Land where situated.	Extent. A.	C.	V.	Assessment. RS.	A.	P.
1. Vencatachalapathy Naidoo	Tahsildar of Kadiri.	Bellary...	0	30	0	4	12	6
2. P. Subba Row..............	Sheristadar of Kadiri.	Bellary and in Kadiri Talook...	49	39	4	82	12	0
3. Z. Streenevasa Row	Goomastah of Kadiri.	Jumalmadoogoo Talook	37	35	13	38	6	7
4. K. Subba Row..............	3rd Class Revenue Inspector.	Royachoty Talook, etc......	3	39	6	5	6	7
5. G. Streenevasa Row... ...	Goomastah of Voilpaud Talook.	Kurnool............	10	19	8	10	0	0
6. A. Kristna Row......	Tahsildar of Madanapully.	Cuddapah...	32	36	34	10	8	6
7. C. Sashacharloo...	Goomastah of Madanapully Talook.	Poolivendla Talook...............	257	29	5	215	1	2
8. L. Sashagiry Row...	4th Class Revenue Inspector of Madanapully.	Royachoty Talook, etc...	38	35	6	84	14	5
9. Kajameiah.........	Shroff of Kadiri.	Kadiri...	0	5	4	0	0	6
			432	30	12	451	14	3

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30. Under the orders of the Board of Revenue one-fourth remission was granted on dry land under new wells, which amounted to Rupees 4,406-6-9. The following statement shows the amount of remission in each talook:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Royachoty	1,283	13	5
Kadiri	1,255	13	4
Voilpaud	953	2	11
Madanapully	913	9	1

31. I personally examined many of the Talooks and Village Manual accounts, and found them generally kept with fair accuracy. The headings to them are now all printed, and the forms furnished to the Curnums, so that there is now nothing for them to do except fill up the various columns. The new rain gauges were received in the month of April, and will afford far more reliable returns of the rain-fall than the old ones. I examined the registers kept in the Madanapully and Kadiri Talooks, and they appeared generally to be written up with accuracy. A mistake was discovered in the Kadiri register, which was, however, promptly rectified. The rain-fall for one day was returned as five inches, instead of five-tenths. Every effort is made to impress the Tahsildars with the importance of keeping these registers with utmost exactness.

32. The Tahsildar of Madanapully, N. Appa Row, was transferred at the close of the Fusly to Proddatur, owing to his possessing land in this talook.

The Tahsildar of Kadiri, Vencatachalapathy Naidoo, is an able and active man, and is the only one of the Tahsildars who systematically visits the villages in his range.

I have found my Sheristadar, H. Kristna Row, of great assistance in examining the accounts, and see no reason for not endorsing the favorable opinion expressed regarding his conduct by my predecessors.

MADANAPULLY,
28th August 1869.

(Signed) E. STORR,
Acting Sub-Collector.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) T. D. HARDINGE,
Acting Head Asst. Collector, for Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

KURNOOL.

I have the honor to submit my Report upon the Revenue Settlement of the District for Fusly 1278, (1868-69,) with the prescribed Statements.

2. Statement No. 1 shows the places at which the settlement was made, and the period occupied in it. The talooks of Sirwell and Koilkuntla were settled by me. Mr. McCarthy settled the Head Assistant's Division, comprising the talooks of Cumbum and Markapur. The talooks of Pattikonda and Ramalkota were settled by Deputy Collector Timmappa; Mr. Turner, the Assistant Collector, settled the Nandikotkur talook; and Deputy Collector Sudersana Row the Nundial Talook. With the exception of (Kambhalapad) a village in the Ramalkota Talook, the Curnum of which failed to appear with his accounts at the time of settlement, and which was in consequence settled at Pyapalli in the Pattikonda Talook, all the talooks were settled within their respective limits, and at not less than two stations in each.

3. There have been no variations in the year under report in the number and tenure of villages.

Puttahs.

	Puttahs.
Number newly issued	41,406
Do. altered	567
Do. old	46,562

4. The number of fresh puttahs, and of old puttahs altered and unaltered, is noted in the margin; but these figures are of little value for purposes of comparison, as the introduction of the new form of puttah into three (Sirwell, Nandikotkur, and Nundial) out of the eight talooks of the district has swelled the proportion between the old and new puttahs to a great extent. The number of new puttahs appearing against the Ramalkota Talook is to be ascribed mainly to the introduction into nineteen of its villages of the settlement rates of assessment. The issue of fresh puttahs in the remaining talooks was occasioned by large variations in ryots' holdings and by transfers. In the three talooks where the new form of puttah was adopted the issue of miscellaneous puttahs was avoided.

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Season.

		Inches.			Inches.
S.W. Monsoon.	April	0·3	N.E. Monsoon.	October	1 2
	May	0·3		November	0·3
	June	4·9		December	0·1
	July	5 2		January	......
	August	4·7		February	......
	September	6·7		March	0 7
		22 1			2·3
					24 4

5. The marginal table gives the particulars of rain-fall during the year. The season was on the whole decidedly favorable. In the six talooks situated to the west of the Nallamalla Hills the rain during the south-west monsoon was abundant. Nearly all the tanks received a full supply, and the yield both of wet and dry crops, especially the latter, was large. Two tanks, one at Yapadinne and one at Kochervu, in the Ramalkota Talook breached. The latter, as I have already explained to the Board, could not be advantageously repaired, and regarding the former I have written to the Superintending Engineer for estimates for repairs.

In the two talooks, Cumbum and Markapur, lying to the east of the Nallamalla Hills the rains of the north-east monsoon on which they chiefly depend generally failed. A large extent of land was either thrown up or left waste, and where cultivation was attempted the crops in many places wholly withered. It was, therefore, found necessary, as shown hereafter, to allow large remissions on wet holdings.

Public Health.

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
Cholera	48	1,357
Fever	6,690	8,623
Small-pox	614	1,623
Total...	7,347	11,593

6. The sanitary condition of the district during the first six months of the Fusly was generally good. During the latter half of the year, while the 19th Regiment was marching into the district, cholera made its appearance, and has continued to hover about a great part of the district. Fever and small-pox prevailed and carried off large numbers. The marginal figures give the particulars of mortality from these causes.

7. Murrain also prevailed among cattle generally throughout the district. Mr. Thacker has supplied a great deal of medicine, the efficacy of which appears doubtful, except when administered at the premonitory stage of the disease.

I experience great difficulty in persuading the villagers to segregate the sick cattle, a means of prevention to which they appear almost superstitiously adverse to adopt.

Prices.—Statement No. 2.

8. From the subjoined comparative abstract it will be seen that the prices of grain, especially of the dry grains which form the food of the masses, show a marked decrease in comparison with those of the last four Fuslies. This is to be ascribed chiefly to the favorable character of the season, and in some measure to importations from the Nizam's territories.

	Fusly 1274.	Fusly 1275.	Fusly 1276.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
Paddy. 1st sort	267	255	298	218	207
Paddy. 2nd sort	241	233	266	197	177
Cholum	297	312	345	200	173
Cumboo	320	320	329	197	176
Raggy	281	298	314	180	168
Horse-gram	236	256	427	218	211

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Holdings.

9. The annexed statement shows the total holdings at the commencement of the year, with the subsequent changes in detail:—

	Extent.	Assessment.
		RS.
Holdings at the commencement of the Fusly	11,84,057	12,98,755
Deduct		
Lands actually relinquished	33,267	23,667
Deficiency found by the new survey and settlement	4,084	17,833
Lands transferred	9,383	11,157
Lands appropriated for public purposes, etc	1,299	1,071
Total .	48,033	53,728
Remainder ..	11,36,024	12,45,027
Add		
Lands newly taken up	32,773	23,077
Excess found by the new survey	10,714	10,432
Lands obtained by transfer	9,383	11,157
Total...	52,870	44,666
Total holdings for the year...	11,88,894	12,89,693

10. It will be apparent from the above statement that the holdings for the year under report exhibit, in comparison with the holdings of the previous year, a net increase of Acres 4,837 in the area and a net decrease of Rupees 9,062 in the assessment. Both the increase in the area and the decrease in the assessment is chiefly due to the introduction of the new survey areas, and the settlement rates of assessment in some of the villages of the talooks of Ramalkota, Nundial, and Sirwell.

Actual Cultivation and Waste remitted.

11. Of the entire area thus occupied, amounting to Acres 11,88,894, assessed at Rupees 12,89,693, the area actually cultivated amounted to Acres 11,57,191, assessed at Rupees 12,61,230, and Acres 31,703, assessed at Rupees 28,463, were left waste. Of this latter acreage the assessment on Acres 798, amounting to Rupees 5,941, was remitted. The greater portion of this remission was allowed in the Cumbum and Markapur Talooks, where from the deficiency of the later rains the tanks failed to afford sufficient water.

Dry Remissions.

12. From Enclosure A. to Statement No. 3 it will be seen that dry remissions were also allowed in the Fusly under report, though to a trifling extent. This was granted with the permission of the Board* in the Sirwell Talook, where 26 acres of land, lying at the foot of the Nallamalla Hills, were left waste from dread of tigers in the neighbourhood.

* Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 27th January 1869.

13. The subjoined abstract, in the form prescribed by the Board in their Circular Memorandum of 14th August 1866, shows the net settlement of the district for Fusly 1278, as compared with that of Fusly 1277.

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STATEMENT A, showing in a comparative form the net settlement of the District for the last two Fuslies.

Items.	Last Fusly.		Present Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.		
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS.		RS.	RS.
Dry	11,56,654	11,13,346 1 5	11,61,463	11,12,047 15 7	4,829	......	......	1,298	......
Wet	25,182	1,68,426 11 4	26,633	1,71,704 8 11	1,451	3,278	......	......	......
Total...	11,81,816	12,81,772 12 9	11,88,096	12,83,762 8 6	6,280	3,278	......	1,298	1,980
Add									
Second crop assessment ...	....	23,462 11 3	....	18,484 8 9	......	......	......	4,979	......
Additional do. ...	....	13,744 7 2	....	14,496 1 2	......	752	......	......	......
Water-rate	....	6,490 9 0	....	11,384 4 3	......	4,893	......	......	......
Road Cess	....	29,618 7 10	....	70,793 0 7	......	41,175	......	......	......
Village Mara	....	....	....	....	......	......	......	......	......
Total...	....	13,55,089 0 0	....	13,98,910 7 3	......	50,098	......	6,277	43,821
Deduct									
Remissions	....	....	....	....	......	......	......	......	......
Road Fund	....	41,743 14 7	....	83,637 5 2	......	41,893	......	......	......
Village Service Fund... ...	....	30,318 2 11	....	32,119 14 6	......	1,802	......	......	......
Other remissions as detailed in Statement No. 4... ...	....	7,367 13 0	....	7,563 0 11	......	195	......	......	......
Total...	....	79,429 14 6	....	1,23,320 4 7	......	43,890	......	.....	.....
Remainder...	....	12,75,659 1 6	....	12,75,590 2 8	......	......	......	60	......
Miscellaneous	....	1,86,791 4 10	....	1,80,696 10 3	......	......	......	6,094	......
Total...	....	14,62,450 6 4	....	14,66,286 12 11	......	......	......	6,163	......

14. The above statement shows a large falling off in the amount of the second crop assessment. This occurs almost entirely in the Cumbum Talook, where the scanty supply in tanks did not admit of any second crop cultivation.

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15. There is a net increase of Rupees 752 under Teerwa jasty, or additional assessment. The increase is distributed through all the talooks situated to the west of the Nallamalla Hills, and is attributable to the favorable character of the season.

16. The increase of Rupees 4,893, under the head of "Water tax," is for the most part nominal, being simply transferred to this head from under Additional assessment, in consequence of the introduction of the settlement rates, whereby a specific water-rate is charged on every acre irrigated.

17. The fluctuations under the remaining heads do not call for remark.

Special Products.

18. The annexed statement, abstracted from Enclosure B. to Statement No. 3, gives in a comparative form the extent to which special products were cultivated :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
		RS.		RS.
Cotton	2,19,404	2,37,020	1,96,272	2,28,167
Indigo	6,847	15,717	22,684	45,457
Sugar-cane	502	5,668	459	4,653

19. The decrease in the extent of cotton cultivation, and the increase in that of indigo, cannot be traced to any other cause than the state of the market, with respect to these articles, at the commencement of the cultivating season. The falling off in the area of sugar-cane cultivation occurs mainly under the Cumbum tank, and is attributable to the short supply of water in the talook.

20. The number of the principal irrigation works of the district, with particulars of their ayacut and cultivation, is shown in the subjoined abstract :—

	Number of works.	Circar.			Inam.	
		Ayacut.	Cultivation in 1278.		Extent of Ayacut.	Cultivation.
			Acres.	Assessment including Fasal and Teerwa jasties.		
Tanks...	407	24,431	22,935	1,67,040	16,204	14,495
Nullahs	246	4,665	4,436	25,190	2,173	2,035
Total...	653	29,096	27,371	1,92,230	18,377	16,530

21. In the year under review three ruined tanks, situated in the Pattikonda Talook, have been made over to private enterprise. Only one of these has an ayacut according to the Pymash accounts. This was made over at Rupees 3 per acre, the rate prescribed for the district. The other two, ruined long before the Pymash, were made over at the existing dry rates of assessment.

22. Referring to paragraph 6 of the Board's Official Memorandum of 22nd December 1868, I beg to annex a statement showing the extent to which the water from Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's canal was used for irrigation purposes during the past Fusly.

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Talooks.	Crop.	Extent applied for.	Full demand on account of irrigation applied for.	Remission.	Net adjusted balance of demand for irrigation actually received.	Extent not applied for.	Double assessment on account of irrigation not applied for.	Remission.	Net adjusted balance of demand for irrigation actually received.	Total extent.	Total net adjusted demand for Fusly 1278.
			RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
Ramalkoat.	First crop	928 32	5,499 5 0	150 14 1	5,348 6 11	3 2	36 3 9	....	36 3 9	931 34	5,384 10 8
	Second crop ...	3 35	20 1 4	1 8 0	18 9 4	... ...	....	....	....	3 35	18 9 4
	Total...	931 67	5,519 6 4	152 6 1	5,367 0 3	3 2	36 3 9	....	36 3 9	934 69	5,403 4 0
Nandikotkur,	First crop	13 10	74 5 8	9 0 0	65 5 8	128 81	1,545 11 6	1,022 11 5	523 0 1	141 91	588 5 9
	Second crop ...	... ...	....	... ...	....	2 23	26 12 2	17 13 5	8 14 9	2 23	8 14 9
	Total...	13 10	74 5 8	9 0 0	65 5 8	131 4	1,572 7 8	1,040 8 10	531 14 10	144 14	597 4 6
	Grand Total...	944 77	5,593 12 0	161 6 1	5,432 5 11	134 6	1,608 11 5	1,040 8 10	568 2 7	1,078 83	6,000 8 6

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23. Water was let into the canal up to the seventy-second mile, but the extent to which it is availed of for irrigation was small owing to the want of distribution channels, and the Company not being yet prepared for the irrigation much beyond twenty miles. In the month of September there was a breach in the anicut at Sunkesula, which temporarily cut off irrigation, but without any serious damage to the cultivation.

Other Remissions.

24. Statement No. 4 contains particulars of miscellaneous remissions granted during the year under report, compared with those of the previous year. As desired by the Board in paragraph 4 of their Memorandum above referred to, I have given full explanation in the body of the statement of all remissions peculiar to the district. I proceed to review *seriatim* the sums remitted during the year.

1.—Shamilat Bunger.

25. This remission was allowed chiefly in the Markapur and Cumbum Talooks on portions of fields left waste in consequence of inadequate supply in the tanks.

2.—Shavy.

26. Under this head there appears a sum of Rupees 2,080, or 515 Rupees more than the amount remitted in the previous year. This was almost entirely in the two talooks referred to in the preceding paragraph, where the crops under many of the tanks withered for want of water.

3.—Pannyboodthy.

27. The trifling sum that appears under this head was remitted in the Ramalkota Talook, the crops having been destroyed by inundation.

4.—Payamaly.

No. 1,141, dated 20th February 1869.

28. This remission was allowed in the Ramalkota Talook, under the orders of the Board noted in the margin, where, in consequence of the break of the Kochervu tank, 112 acres of land under it was damaged.

5.—Teerwa Cummy.

29. This is the remission given on certain wet lands situated mostly under breached tanks, which were allowed to be cultivated with dry crop, as there was no prospect of there being water enough for the irrigation of wet crops.

6.—Tope Remissions.

30. There is an increase of Rupees 57 under this head, which occurs almost entirely in the Nundial Talook, where, during the year under report, some fresh lands were given to the ryots under the Tope rules.

Dasavandam.

31. The increase of 112 Rupees under this head is the result of increased cultivation under the Dasavandam tanks, which are situated in the Markapur and Cumbum Talooks.

Remissions peculiar to the District.

32. The terms Kattugutta Mukta Cowle, Sery, Sagawat, are all explained in the body of the statement. The variations in these remissions are attributable to the extent to which the lands enjoying these indulgences are cultivated; the remissions on the uncultivated portion merging in the general remissions allowed on waste.

Shotriem Vasa.

33. This is the amount deducted from the beriz of an unenfranchised Shotriem village (Malasomapuram) in the Ramalkota Talook, and paid to the Shotriemdars. This item will disappear from the next Fusly, as by that time the Shotriem will have been enfranchised by the Inam Commissioner.

Land Revenue, Miscellaneous.

34. The demand under Land Revenue, Miscellaneous, shows a net decrease of Rs. 6,098 above that of the previous year, resulting from a total increase of Rupees 8,323 in some items, and a total decrease of Rupees 14,421 in others. The increase occurs chiefly in the items noted in the margin. The large increase under Water tax on Inams is chiefly due to the favorable character of the season, and to a strict enforcement of the recent order of Government by which all Inams, classed by the Inam Commissioner as one crop lands, are to be charged with fasal jasty as Circar lands, whenever water is obtained from a Government tank for a second crop. As desired by the Board the two items of which this tax is composed, namely, Fasal jasty and Teerwa jasty, are *separately* shown in Statement No. 5.

Water tax on Inams. { Fasal jasty ... 4,334; Teerwa jasty 9,512 }

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35. The items showing a large decrease are shown in the margin. The falling off under "Revenue derived from cultivation after the settlement" requires no particular explanation. The decrease under "Grass rent" is due to decreased competition, the previous year's lease having proved a great loss. The decrease under "Rent of gardens and topes" is caused by a deficiency of produce, in consequence of which they were let at a lower lease.

1. Land cultivated, but not included in the Jummahbundy.
2. Grass rent.
3. Rent of Gardens and Topes.

36. There are no Zemindaries in this district. Statement No. 6 shows the enfranchised Shotriem villages. There has been no change in the demand under this source of revenue.

37. Adverting to Standing Order, No. $^{1}\frac{3}{1}{}^{6}$, I have the honor to state that no application have as yet been received from the holders of any enfranchised Shotriem for the sub-division of their joint liability to the payment of the Government quit-rent.

Demand from all sources of Revenue.

38. The following abstract exhibits the current demand of all the revenue of Fusly 1278, as contrasted with that of Fusly 1277 :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Jody on Shotriems	12,760	12,760	....	....
Ryotwar...	12,75,659	12,75,590	....	69
Miscellaneous...	1,86,791	1,80,697	....	6,094
Total......	14,75,210	14,69,047	....	6,163
Abkarry...	2,66,111	2,67,133	1,022	....
License Tax	8,872	....	....	8,872
Income Tax	3	10,283	10,280	....
Certificate Tax...	1,803	14,488	12,685	....
Stamps	1,24,089	1,33,368	9,279	....
Salt...	1,852	1,810	....	12
Total...	18,77,940	18,96,159	33,266	15,047
Net Increase...	....	....	....	18,219

39. The aggregate demand from all sources of revenue amounts to Rupees 18,96,159, being a net increase of Rupees 18,219 on the beriz of the previous year. The increase occurs chiefly in License Tax, Income Tax, Certificate Tax, and Stamps.

40. The total demand under Land Revenue is Rupees 14,69,047, or Rupees 6,163 below the demand of the past Fusly. The decrease is chiefly to be observed in the Miscellaneous revenue, and is fully explained in paragraphs 34 and 35 of this report.

41. The Abkarry demand of the year under report is Rupees 2,67,133 against Rupees 2,66,111 of the past Fusly, showing an increase of Rupees 1,022 attributable to the increased prices for which some of the farms were sold by auction in June 1868.

Salt.

42. The trifling decrease in this item does not call for remark.

Stamps.

43. The large increase in the Stamp revenue is to be ascribed to the operation of the revised B. Schedule.

Certificate Tax.

44. The revenue from this source exhibits an increase of Rupees 12,686. The Certificate Act only came into operation towards the close of Fusly 1277, and in consequence the collections in that year were small. Full collections were made in the Fusly under report.

Income Tax.

45. The amount assessed up to the close of the Fusly under the Income Tax Act, which came into operation on the 1st of April last, was Rupees 10,283. The assessment is in progress, and every effort is being made to complete it as early as possible.

46. Out of the aggregate demand of Rupees 18,96,159 the collections within the Fusly amounted to Rupees 18,64,934, which left a balance of Rupees 31,225 at the close of the year. Of this sum Rupees 17,639 have since been collected.

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Land Revenue Collections.

47. Out of the entire demand of Rupees 14,69,046, under the head of Land Revenue, a sum of Rupees 14,56,907, or more than 99 per cent. of the demand, was collected within the Fusly, leaving a balance of Rupees 12,140, or four-fifth per cent. of the demand. The collections up to July last amounted to Rupees 3,729, which reduces the balance to Rupees 8,411.

Abkarry.

48. The balance under this head at the close of the Fusly was Rupees 18,725, which was simply nominal, as some of the contractors had deposited as security Promissory Notes instead of money as in the previous year, many of which they have since had restored to them on payment of their kists in money.

49. Subjoined is a comparative abstract of collections :—

ABSTRACT B, showing in a comparative form the arrear and current collections for Fusly 1277 and 1278.

Items.	Fusly 1277. Arrears.	Fusly 1277. Current.	Fusly 1277. Total.	Fusly 1278. Arrears.	Fusly 1278. Current.	Fusly 1278. Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanent Settlement.	968	12,314	13,282	442	12,517	12,959	......	323
Jody on Shotriems, &c.	......	....	....	......	....	....	......	......
Ryotwary..	6,175	12,67,481	12,73,656	7,149	12,67,622	12,74,771	1,115	......
Miscellaneous	4,293	1,81,985	1,86,278	4,306	1,76,768	1,81,074	......	5,204
Total...	11,436	14,61,780	14,73,216	11,897	14,56,907	14,68,804	1,115	5,527
Net Decrease...	......	....	....	......	....	....	......	4,412
Abkarry......	60,314	2,65,303	3,25,617	809	2,48,408	2,49,217	......	76,400
Earth Salt	20	1,815	1,835	33	1,823	1,856	21	......
Sea Custom...	......	....	....	......	....	....	......	......
Land Custom...... ...	......	....	....	......	....	....	......	......
Stamps...	......	1,24,089	1,24,089	......	1,33,368	1,33,368	9,279	......
Income Tax...	......	3	3	......	9,939	9,939	9,936	......
License Tax...	......	8,872	8,872	......	....	....	......	8,872
Trade Tax...	......	1,803	1,803	......	14,488	14,488	12,685	......
Grand Total...	71,770	18,63,665	19,35,435	12,739	18,64,933	18,77,672	33,036	90,799
Net Decrease...	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	57,763

The above statement gives for the total collections of the year, both arrears and current, Rupees 18,77,672, which shows a net decrease of Rupees 57,763 below the collections of the previous year. The decrease occurs largely under Abkarry, and is to be seen both in current and arrear collections.

50. The decrease under Abkarry *arrear* collections is due to the circumstance of there being but little arrear demand in the beginning of the year under report. The decrease in the current Abkarry collections is already explained in paragraph 48.

51. The decrease in the Land Revenue, Miscellaneous collections, is attributable to diminished demand. The variations in the collections of the remaining sources of revenue do not call for remark.

Arrears, No. 8.

52. The total amount of arrears under all heads of revenue, as detailed in Statement 8, was Rupees 19,655, of which Rupees 12,739 were collected within the Fusly, and Rupees 4,243 remitted under the Orders of Government, dated 22nd December 1868, No. 3,200, and 17th June 1869, No. 4,345. The balance thus left, amounting to Rupees 2,673, has been reduced by subsequent collections to Rupees 2,609. Of this sum Rupees 1,799-6-5 are deemed, after careful inquiry by the Division Officers and myself, irrecoverable.

53. The marginal figures give the particulars of this irrecoverable balance, and I solicit sanction for its being written off. The sum shown against "Other causes" consists chiefly of items which the sale of the property, such as it was, of the defaulters failed to realize.

	RS.	A.	P.
Death	21	5	7
Desertion...	202	1	8
Poverty	202	4	8
Other causes	1,378	10	6

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Coercive Process.

54. In the recovery of Land revenue coercive process was employed in some of the talooks, where land valued at Rupees 1,913, and personal property to the value of Rupees 218, was sold, as detailed in Enclosure A. to Statement No. 8.

55. Adverting to paragraph 7 of Standing Order, No. 1 of 1869, I have the honor to report that the amount realised by the service of process under Act II. of 1864, in the year under report, was Rupees 104-1-1, of which only Rupees 3-4-0 it was found necessary to expend. The Tahsildars have been instructed to levy, in future, no sums further than what may be absolutely necessary for the service and execution of such process.

Charges.

1. Salary of Huzoor and Talook Establishments.
2. Contingencies.

56. The charges of the year under review exhibit an increase over the charges of the preceding year by Rupees 4,997. The increase occurs mostly in the items noted in the margin.

57. The increase in the salaries of the Huzoor and Talook establishments is caused by the arrear pay of servants absent on leave in the previous year having been disbursed in the current year.

58. The increase under "Contingencies" is due to the payment of Rupees 1,371 to Deputy Collector Sudersana Row under the Orders of Government, dated 12th December 1868, No. 3,098, being the difference of his special batta from 18th December 1866 to 31st December 1868.

59. Subjoined is a statement of lands acquired by public servants :—

Items.	No.	Circar.		Inam.		Total.	
		Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
			RS.		RS.		RS.
Huzoor Establishment.	19	355·53	548	412·28	466	767·81	1,014
Talook Servants ...	58	820·11	1,442	2627·36	3,546	3447·47	4,988
Total...	77	1175·64	1,990	3039·64	4,012	4215·28	6,002

Talook and Village Accounts.

60. The Talook and Village accounts were, as usual, examined by the Settlement Officers, and were found generally well kept; where instances of inaccuracy or omission occurred the parties were either warned or punished by fines.

61. I have no fault to find with any of the officials in the Revenue Department, who have all worked well and performed their duty satisfactorily. The early date at which I am enabled to forward this report is entirely due to the exertions of the Head Sheristadar Choudappa, and K. S. Narasaya, the English Record-keeper, who, when not occupied with the especial work of his office, lends his aid most willingly in any department when necessary.

Kurnool,
12th August 1869.

(Signed) T. A. N. CHASE,
Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

MADRAS.

I HAVE the honor to submit the Report on the Annual Settlement for Fusly 1278, with the usual Statements.

Statement No. 1.—Names of the Officers who conducted the settlement and the time occupied in doing so.

2. Of the talooks of the Principal Division two, namely, Ponneri and Sydapet, were settled by the Collector Mr. Fane. The time occupied in doing so was one month and twenty-six days. The third talook of the Principal Division, Trivellore, was settled by Mr. Lee-Warner, Assistant Collector, in one month. The Acting Sub-Collector Mr. Crole was occupied for two months and eight days in conducting the settlement of the three talooks of the Sub-division.

Variation in the number and tenure of Villages.

3. Under the Orders of Government, dated 22nd December 1868, No. 3,201, (Land Revenue,) the village of Annamanaikenkuppam, which is held on Jaghire tenure from the Kalastri Zemindar, has been transferred from the North Arcot to the Madras District. No revenue is payable to Government from this village. With this exception there has been no change in the number or mode of tenure of the villages of the district in the Fusly under review.

Number of Puttahs distributed, with remarks regarding the number renewed and unrenewed.

4. The total number of puttahs issued in Fusly 1278 was 49,983, or 1,385 more than in the previous Fusly. The excess is attributed to durkhasts and transfers by sale, etc. No old puttahs were made use of in Fusly 1278, as, according to the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 3rd December 1866, No. 1,206, fresh puttahs in the new form were issued to all the ryots of the district.

Season and sanitary condition of the District.

5. The following table shows the average rain-fall for the year as registered in the talooks, and which is a trifle less than that of the previous year, while it is less than half of that of Fusly 1276, which was inches 37·88:—

Months.	Quantity of rain-fall.	Months.	Quantity of rain-fall.
April 1868	...	October 1868	3·92
May ,,	0·73	November ,,	3·49
June ,,	2·56	December ,,	...
July ,,	3·65	January 1869	0·19
August ,,	1·33	February ,,	...
September ,,	1·96	March ,,	0·19
Total...	10·23	Total...	7·79
		Grand Total...	18·02

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6. In the Report for Fusly 1277 I had occasion to remark that much reliance could not be placed on the registered rain-fall of this district owing to the gauges being out of repair, but as new ones of a superior kind have since been supplied there is reason to expect that greater accuracy in this respect will be attained in future.

7. The season, in an agricultural point of view, was very unfavorable, being not only much below the average but even worse than that of the previous Fusly, which was notoriously a very bad one; as observed before the rain-fall was less, and the failure of the north-east monsoon, on which the Nunjah cultivation of this district is mainly dependant, was still more complete.

8. Notwithstanding the pressure resulting from two successive bad seasons there was no absolute distress. Relaxation of the ordinary remission rules was authorized by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 19th January 1869, No. 49. Surplus labor was absorbed by ordinary public works by special projects, namely, Chembrambakum tank, and the Madras Water works and Relief works, for which special funds were sanctioned.

9. The public health was on the whole good. Cholera did not make its appearance, but small-pox and fever of a mild type prevailed more or less in various parts of the district for the greater part of the Fusly. Cattle disease also prevailed to a certain extent, as was naturally to be expected from the want of water and pasture owing to the failure of the north-east monsoon. The price of fodder was exceedingly high.

Statement No. 2.—Prices of grain.

10. The average price of first and second sort paddy was 8 per cent. above that of the previous Fusly, and 178 per cent. above the commutation rates. From the following abstract it will be seen that the prices of the staple food grains of the district were comparatively higher than the average of the previous ten years, and also in excess of the prices of the previous Fusly. The increase above the average ranged from 3 per cent. for cumboo to 27 per cent. for first sort paddy, while the increase over the previous Fusly was from 3 per cent. on cholum to 9 per cent. on first sort paddy:—

Grains.	Average price for 10 years, from Fusly 1268 to 1277.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase or decrease in Fusly 1278, as compared with the average.	Percentage.	Increase or decrease in Fusly 1277, as compared with Fusly 1278.	Percentage.
Paddy, 1st sort, per garce.	179	210	228	49	27	18	9
Do. 2nd do. ...	164	192	206	42	26	14	7
Cholum or Javary	235	240	247	12	5	7	3
Cumboo or Bajira	214	238	221	7	3	17	7
Raggy	228	266	241	13	6	25	9
Horse-gram	283	291	277	6	2	14	5

Ryots' holdings.

11. The net holding of Fusly 1278 exceeds that of the previous Fusly by Acres 23,310, assessed at Rupees 44,535. The extent of land relinquished in Fusly 1278 was Acres 11,657, Rs. 23,487, less than in the previous Fusly, while the land taken up was Acres 6,986, Rupees 12,673, in excess of the previous Fusly. The increase in the holding may be ascribed to the anticipations of the ryots, that as Fusly 1277 was a bad season the chances were that Fusly 1278 would be a good one. No doubt also the liberal remissions granted in Fusly 1277 on account of the adverse nature of the season inspired the ryots with confidence to enlarge their holdings, in the expectation of receiving similar liberal treatment should circumstances require it.

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12. The following statement exhibits the ryots' holdings and the fluctuations of the year:—

Items.	Acres.	Rupees.
Ryots' holdings at the beginning of the Fusly...	4,87,476	13,67,596
Deduct.		
Land relinquished, etc.	13,530	31,075
Remaining...	4,73,946	13,36,521
Add land newly taken up ...	36,840	75,610
Total holdings...	5,10,786	14,12,131
Deduct waste remitted	1,15,472	2,88,370
Remaining Settlement...	3,95,314	11,23,761
Particulars.		
Actual cultivation	3,88,186	11,14,889
Waste charged ...	7,128	8,872

Actual cultivation.

13. The gross cultivation in Fusly 1278 was Acres 3,88,186, assessed at Rs. 11,14,889, or Acres 4,569, Rupees 17,861, less than the previous Fusly. The decrease under the head of Poonjah is only Acres 746, Rupees 3,109; while the decrease in Nunjah is Acres 3,823, Rupees 14,752, which is to be ascribed to the failure of the north-east monsoon.

Waste charged.

14. The extent of waste charged in Fusly 1278 was Acres 7,128, assessed at Rupees 8,872, or Acres 6,790, assessed at Rupees 7,702, in excess of the previous Fusly. The particulars of waste charged are as follow:—

Items.	Acres.	Rupees.
1. Land within the water-spread of tanks	1,023	2,487
2 Poonjah land in the Trivellore Talook, bearing a light assessment.	5,116	4,435
3. Durkhast land assigned before September, but left waste	512	657
4. Waste belonging to obstinate Revenue defaulters	147	487
5. Land continually left waste	297	782
6. Waste through the fault of the ryots	33	24

Waste remitted.

15. The extent of waste remitted in Fusly 1278 was Acres 1,15,472, assessed at Rupees 2,88,370, or Acres 21,089, assessed at Rupees 54,695, in excess of the previous Fusly. The cause of the increase is, that while the extent of the holdings is greater than in the previous Fusly the actual cultivation was, owing to the unfavorable nature of the season, less.

Enclosure A. in Statement No. 3.—Ryots' holdings at the commencement of the Fusly, and subsequent alterations.

16. The causes of the fluctuations in the ryots' holdings have already been explained—*Vide* paragraph 12.

Enclosure B., Statement No. 3.—Cultivation of Sugar-cane, Cotton, and Indigo.

17. The cultivation of sugar-cane and cotton is, as usual, too insignificant to call for special remark. The increase in the cultivation of indigo is Acres 2,469, assessed at Rs. 9,316, and is probably due to an increased demand for that product.

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Enclosure C., Statement No. 3.—Lands held on Progressive Cowle.

18. No land was granted on progressive cowle in Fusly 1278. The following table shows the extent held, and the amount of remission granted:—

Items.	Acres.	Assessment.
Holdings at the commencement of the Fusly	295	319
Deduct		
Lands assessed at the full Taram assessment	112	88
Remaining	183	231
Lands given this year	......	.....
Total	183	231
Remission	......	73
Net Beriz	......	158

Final settlement.

19. The following abstract exhibits the final settlement compared with Fusly 1277:—

Items.	Last Fusly 1277.		Present Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	1,75,950	2,75,164 10 6	1,81,670	2,78,656 9 0	5,720	3,492	...	...
Wet	2,17,143	8,58,756 10 10	2,13,644	8,45,105 1 8	......	...	3 499	13,652
Total	3,93,093	11,33,921 5 4	3,95,314	11,23,761 10 8	2,221	...	...	10,160
Add								
Second crop Assessment	...	59,057 10 1	......	67,476 12 7	......	8,419	...	...
Additional Assessment	...	15,971 7 5	......	15,865 11 0	......	...	...	105
Water Tax	...	4,513 11 11	......	6,297 9 9	......	1,784	...	...
Road Fund	...	78,872 0 2	......	54,062 14 4	......	...	...	24,809
Village Service Fund	...	82,160 5 7	......	98,054 9 6	......	15,894	...	...
Total	...	13,74,496 8 6	......	13,65,519 8 10	......	26,097	..	35,074
Deduct								
Remissions	...	... ...	......	... ...	......	..	...	...
Road Fund	...	78,872 0 2	......	54,062 14 4	......	...	...	24,809
Village Service Fund	...	91,481 3 7	......	1,08,969 9 3	......	17,488	...	...
Other remissions, as particularized in Statement No. 4	...	4,79,257 3 8	......	3,60,961 13 2	......	...	...	1,18,295
Total	...	6,49,610 7 5	......	5,23,994 4 9	......	17,488	...	1,43,104
Remaining beriz	...	7,24,886 1 1	......	8,41,524 15 1	......	1,16,639	...	...
Add Miscellaneous items	...	1,49,490 5 11	......	1,47,227 3 6	.....	...	...	2,263
Total	...	8,74,376 7 0	......	9,88,752 2 7	......	1,14,376	...	...

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20. It is here necessary to explain the decrease of Rupees 24,809 in the item Road Cess. The cause is, (1) that in Fusly 1277 the cess was imposed on Zemindary villages for the first time, and that the cess on such villages for eighteen months, namely, the half of Fusly 1276 and the whole of Fusly 1277, was credited to the demand of the latter Fusly; (2) in Fusly 1276, in the ryotwary villages, 85 per cent. of the cess was charged; whereas, according to Board's Proceedings, dated 12th November 1867, No. 7,376, paragraph 2, only 50 per cent. should have been charged; the difference 35 per cent. was remitted in Fusly 1278, and the demand for that Fusly proportionately reduced.

Principal sources of Irrigation.

21. The following statement exhibits the principal sources of irrigation, their ayacut and cultivation:—

Tanks.	Village.	Ayacut.		Holding 1277.		Holding 1278.		Cultivation.	
		Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.
			RS.		RS.		RS.		RS.
Chembrambakam..	56	8,826	48,484	8,226	50,582	7,998	46,998	4,621	31,257
Ambathur	6	1,612	4,936	1,822	5,811	1,448	4,630	950	3,522
Polal or Red Hills.	10	2,366	9,584	2,035	9,345	2,040	8,741	1,667	7,508
Nemam	6	1,423	8,040	1,289	8,372	1,297	8,681	919	7,503
Madurantakam ...	13	3,726	11,195	2,650	10,429	2,758	10,493	2,450	9,960
Uttramallur	3	5,654	20,666	3,689	14,975	3,778	15,069	2,717	11,660
Damal..............	1	1,616	6,980	1,248	5,620	1,361	5,901	1,104	4,661
Tenneri	21	5,091	16,481	3,586	15,100	3,664	13,562	1,698	8,232
Striperumadur ...	1	1,016	4,904	997	4,837	1,004	4,972	912	4,616
Manimungalam ...	5	1,870	9,755	1,402	7,898	1,394	8,005	1,100	6,452
Kuvam	7	1,786	9,736	1,492	11,410	1,541	10,239	1,232	8,742
Chinnambedu......	1	1,753	10,375	1,296	8,670	1,301	8,983	1,236	8,662
Vallur Anicut ...	1	1,875	9,242	909	4,989	1,020	5,490	602	4,379

Ruined Tanks.

22. No ruined tanks were made over to private enterprise, nor were any such applications received during the Fusly under report.

Statement No. 4.—Remissions.

23. Remissions for waste, entered in Statement No. 3, have already been noticed and accounted for. Under the head Occasional remissions there is a net decrease of Rupees 1,25,123.

24. Remission for Shamilat Bunger was granted in Fusly 1278, with the previous sanction of the Board— *Vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 19th January 1869, No. 320, and Government Order, dated 19th idem, No. 154. The increase of Rupees 2,132 in this item is proportionate to the increased extent of the ryots' holdings.

Shavy.

25. The decrease in this item, to the extent of Rupees 1,84,468, is to be ascribed to the fact that in the previous Fusly a good deal of short produce, namely, where the out-turn did not exceed four marcals, was remitted as total Shavy; whereas in Fusly 1278 such crops were treated as short produce, a percentage remission only being granted, and this accounts for the increase of Rupees 63,168 under the head.

Teerwah Cummy.

26. The decrease of Rupees 5,847 in this item is attributable to the circumstance that in Fusly 1277, when from want of water poonjah crops had been raised on nunjah land, the difference between the nunjah rate and first class poonjah was remitted, while similar indulgence was not shown in the Fusly under report. The fluctuations in the other items of occasional remissions are trifling, and call for no remark.

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Fixed Remissions.

27. The increase of Rupees 391 in the item "Reyaett" is owing to increase of cultivation by those entitled to such remission. In the item Tope cowle (ordinary) there is a net decrease of Rupees 355, resulting from a gross decrease of Acres 2,288, assessed at Rupees 1,766, caused by relinquishments and cancelment of cowles, and a gross increase of Acres 1,123, assessed at Rupees 1,411, for which cowles were granted in Fusly 1278.

28. Under the head Ten years' tope cowle there is an increase of Rupees 1,466, the assessment on Casuarina and firewood plantations, which had been charged with the full Taram assessment, but which were granted free of assessment for ten years in Fusly 1278 with the sanction of Government— *Vide* Government Proceedings, dated 16th December 1867, communicated by Board's Proceedings of the 9th January 1868, No. 131. The increase of Rupees 4,918 in the item 2nd Crop teerwah on nunjah land irrigated by private wells is to be ascribed to the increase in 2nd Crop cultivation, and to the scarcity of water in the public reservoirs. The increase of Rupees 456 in the item Quarter Teerwah jasti, remitted under Standing Circular, No. 123-1, is owing to the fact that the amount remitted on this account in Fusly 1277 was by mistake included in the item Remission of second crop teerwah on nunjah raised by private wells.

Items on the collection or from the entire Beriz of Villages.

29. The decrease of Rupees 55 in the item "Share of Shotriem proceeds" is consequent on the resumption by Government of 2⅝ shares of the Shotriem village of Rajakilpakam, Sydapet Talook, formerly held by one Fatma Bee, to whom a fixed allowance was granted instead— *Vide* Government Order, dated 7th April 1868, No. 921.

30. The increase of Rupees 1,594 in the item Allowance for heads of villages, etc., is proportionate to the increase in the settled beriz on which it is calculated.

Statement No. 5.—Demand, Collection, and Balance under the head "Miscellaneous."

31. The current demand under this head for the Fusly under report is Rupees 1,47,227, being a net decrease of Rupees 2,263, resulting from a gross increase of Rupees 3,650 and a gross decrease of Rupees 5,913, caused chiefly by a decrease in the item "Cultivation after the settlement," ascribable to the adverse nature of the season.

32. The fluctuations in the component items of "Miscellaneous, Land Revenue," are trifling and call for no remark, except No. 51, "Other items," the fluctuations in which are noted below—

(1). Decrease of Rupees 1,786 in the item Manawari (ground-rent) on house sites in the villages transferred from the North Arcot District, abolished under the orders of the Board, dated 28th April 1868, No. 3,092.

(2). Puttah fund—an increase of Rupees 2,031, being the charge imposed for the first time on the ryots of this district for the puttahs in the new form, which were issued in Fusly 1278, according to Board's Miscellaneous Circular, dated 3rd December 1866, No. 1,206.

(3). Difference between the demand on account of arrears as shown in the Huzoor accounts and in the Talook and Village accounts, namely, Rupees 4,700 has been credited under the head "Miscellaneous." The cause of the discrepancy is attributable to the alterations made in respect of the annual settlement of Fuslies 1272 and 1273, which was fully explained in the Report for last Fusly, paragraph 77.

(4). Madras Certificate fees.—There is a decrease of Rupees 4,367 in the item owing to a less number of certificates having been issued.

(5). Decrease of Rupees 1,555, being the amount omitted by mistake from the demand of Fuslies 1275 and 1276, and credited in the accounts of Fusly 1277—enhanced quit-rent on Shotriems.

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33. The following statement gives the information required by Board's Proceedings, dated 31st March 1869, No. 2,070, regarding Fasul and Teerwah jasti on Inam land in Fusly 1278:—

Items.	Acres.	Rupees.		
Fasul Jasti on second crop raised on one crop Nunjah Inam land by means of Circar water	950	2,474	2	6
Teerwah Jasti or additional assessment for raising Nunjah crops on Poonjah land	222	428	2	0
	1,172	2,902	4	6

34. The fluctuations under "Abkarry and Salt, Miscellaneous," call for no remark.

Statement No. 6.—Demand, Collection, and Balance of Zemindaries, Mootahs, Shotriems, etc.

35. The following abstract exhibits the current demand, collection, and balance, as also the arrears of previous Fuslies:—

Items.	Demand.			Collections within the Fusly, including current and arrears.	Balance.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Mootahs	40,366	1,06,548	1,46,914	1,15,561	31,353
Shotriems...	36,195	76,726	1,12,921	81,572	31,349
Izara...	4,052	4,983	9,035	5,585	3,450

Statement No. 7.—Current demand.

36. The gross demand from all sources of revenue is Rupees 49,40,611, or Rupees 3,26,014 in excess of the previous Fusly, as shown in the following comparative abstract:—

Items.	Beriz for Fusly 1277.	Beriz for Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled	1,06,548	1,06,548	....	....
Shotriem	76,865	76,726	....	139
Ryotwar	7,24,886	8,41,525	1,16,639	....
Miscellaneous...........................	1,49,490	1,47,227	....	2,263
Total Land Revenue...	10,57,789	11,72,026	1,16,639	2,402
Abkarry...........................	10,91,290	11,41,916	50,626	....
Salt...........................	22,22,691	23,55,008	1,32,317	....
Stamp...........................	2,31,827	2,50,760	18,933	....
License Tax...........................	11,000	3,410	....	7,590
Income Tax...........................	....	17,491	17,491	....
Grand Total...	46,14,597	49,40,611	3,36,006	9,992
Net Increase...	....	....	3,26,014	

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37. The current demand against "Mootahs" and "Rents for more than one year" is precisely the same as that of the previous Fusly.

38. The decrease of Rupees 139 in "Shotriem" is in consequence of the abolition of Shotriem kist, Rupees 75, on the commutation of Fatma Bee's variable share of the proceeds of the Shotriem village Rajakilpakam into a fixed allowance, as sanctioned by Government in their Order, dated 7th April 1868, No. 921, communicated by Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd idem, No. 2,984, and because Rupees 64, enhanced quit-rent imposed by the Inam Commission on the Shotriem village of Pudupakam, Chingleput Talook, to which the Shotriemdar did not consent, was erroneously entered in the demand of last year.

39. The increase under the head "Ryotwar," amounting to Rupees 1,16,639, is ascribable to the circumstance that the amount of remission granted in Fusly 1278 is considerably less than in the previous Fusly.

40. The decrease under the head "Miscellaneous" has already been explained.

Abkarry.

41. The increase of Rupees 50,626 under this head is ascribed to the increased sale of arrack in Madras, owing to the extensive public works under execution in its vicinity.

Salt.

42. The increase of Rupees 1,32,317 in Salt revenue is ascribed to three causes, (1) the extension of the North-West Line of Railway; (2) the improved condition of the salt approaches, particularly that of the Cheyur pans; (3) a large demand for export: Messrs. Hazee Abdullah Hazee Abubaker and Co. purchased outright the whole stock of salt at Covelong and shipped it to Calcutta.

43. The Home and Inland consumption this year amounted to Maunds 14,38,044, or 61,372 Maunds more than Fusly 1277. The quantity exported in the Fusly under review was Maunds 3,07,050, or 2,19,142 Maunds more than in the previous Fusly. Most of this was exported to Calcutta.

	Maunds.
Stock of salt in hand at the beginning of the Fusly	22,15,613
Received in store during the Fusly	6,85,017
Gain by measurement and confiscation	37
	29,00,667

44. Thus the whole quantity of salt in store during the Fusly was Maunds 29,00,667, or 7,96,769 Maunds less than in the previous Fusly.

45. The decrease in the quantity manufactured was Maunds 6,30,836, and is attributable to the fact that the Ennore bar was not opened until April, up to which time manufacture in the northern pans was suspended.

46. Kudiwaram paid for the manufacture of salt in Fusly 1278 amounted to Rs. 67,636, or Rupees 50,264 less than the previous Fusly, which is attributable to the large decrease in the quantity manufactured.

47. Deducting the gross charges, Rupees 2,30,282, from the gross revenue, Rupees 23,55,008, the net salt revenue for the Fusly amounts to Rupees 21,24,726, or Rupees 1,77,271 more than the previous Fusly. The excess is to be ascribed to the large increase in sales already noted.

Stamps.

48. The net increase in Stamp revenue is Rupees 18,933, and is due to increased sales.

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License Tax.

49. The decrease of Rupees 7,590 is owing to the abolition of the fifth class in the License Tax Act of 1868, whereby incomes under Rupees 500 were relieved from taxation.

Income-Tax.

50. The Income Tax Act was introduced in May 1869, in supersession of the License Tax Act of the previous year.

Enclosure B. to Statement No. 7.—Remarks on the state of the collections, current and arrears.

51. The gross collections this year on the demand, current, and arrears amount to Rupees 49,74,688, or Rupees 4,68,874 in excess of the previous Fusly, as shown in the following comparative abstract:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	De-crease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled Estates	24,087	66,369	90,456	40,319	75,213	1,15,532	25,076	...
Jody on Shotriem and Inam villages.	14,989	44,991	59,980	32,230	47,257	79,487	19,507	...
Ryotwar...	1,29,415	5,18,035	6,47,450	1,85,539	6,98,213	8,83,752	2,36,302	...
Miscellaneous.........	46,325	87,890	1,34,215	50,373	90,513	1,40,886	6,671	...
Total...	2,14,816	7,17,285	9,32,101	3,08,461	9,11,196	12,19,657	2,87,556	...
Abkarry...............	35,295	10,72,900	11,08,195	18,341	11,10,021	11,28,362	20,167	...
Salt.....................	......	22,22,691	22,22,691	......	23,55,008	23,55,008	1,32,317	...
License Tax	......	11,000	11,000	......	3,410	3,410	....	7,590
Income Tax...	......	......	......	......	17,491	17,491	17,491	...
Stamps	......	2,31,827	2,31,827	......	2,50,760	2,50,760	18,933	...
Grand Total...	2,50,111	42,55,703	45,05,814	3,26,802	46,47,886	49,74,688	4,76,464	7,590
Net Increase...	......	......	......	......	......	......	4,68,874	...

Remarks on the collections on account of the current demand.

52. The current demand for the Fusly under report is Rs. 49,40,611, of which Rs.46,47,886, or a little over 94 per cent., was realised within the Fusly, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,92,725, or about 6 per cent., at the close of the Fusly. Subsequent collections up to the end of August reduced this balance to Rupees 1,76,876, or 3½ per cent.

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53. The balance is composed of the following items:—

	RS.
Zemindary............	18,783
Shotriem............	13,807
Ryotwar............	78,668
Miscellaneous............	39,725
Total Land Revenue...	1,50,983
Abkarry............	25,893
Total......	1,76,876

The diminished resources of the people, resulting from two successive bad seasons, have no doubt had an appreciable effect on the revenue collections. However, instructions have been issued to the Tahsildars to adopt the necessary measures for the realization of the arrears.

54. The balance of Rs. 25,892 against the late Abkarry contractor is probably withheld, pending the disposal of certain claims to compensation now before Government. His deposit, however, is sufficient to cover the balance.

55. The Statement of the Demand and collections of Land and other sources of Revenue in the form prescribed by Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 30th June 1869, No. 689, is herewith submitted.

Statement No. 8,—Collections on account of arrears.

56. At the commencement of the Fusly the demand on account of arrears under all heads was Rupees 4,87,012, of which Rupees 3,26,803 was realised within the Fusly. The amount written off the accounts as irrecoverable in June last, under the sanction of Government, is Rupees 56,850 *Vide* Board's Proceedings noted marginally. Thus the balance at the close of the Fusly was Rupees 1,03,359, which was reduced by subsequent collections up to the end of August to Rupees 1,01,380. Of this Rupees 63,704-1-0 is recoverable and is now in course of collection, Rupees 9,907-9-0 is doubtful, and Rupees 27,768-15-2 is irrecoverable, as particularized in the following abstract:—

28th February 1868, No. 1,460
25th June „ „ 4,685
11th July „ „ 5,111
17th June 1869, „ 4,345

Items.	Recoverable.			Irrecoverable.			Doubtful.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Permanently settled............	16	14	7	16	14	7	...	...	...
Shotriem............	1,828	13	6	83	10	10	...	...	...
Ryotwar............	35,983	7	3	21,671	9	2	2,418	15	3
Miscellaneous............	63,458	9	5	5,996	12	7	7,488	9	9
Total Land Revenue...	1,01,287	12	9	27,768	15	2	9,907	9	0
Abkarry............	92	12	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	1,01,380	9	2	27,768	15	2	9,907	9	0

Permanently settled arrears.

57. The balance of Rupees 16-14-7 is irrecoverable, being arrears for Fusly 1277 standing in the accounts against the Mambalam Mootah, Sydapet Talook, on account of land

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taken up by Government long ago and given to other parties on Government grant, as explained in paragraph 71 of the last Annual Report. Instead of recommending this item for remission every year the preferable course appears to be to deduct the amount once for all from the annual peishcush of the Mootahdar.

Shotriem arrears.

58. The amount of irrecoverable arrears under this head amounts to Rupees 83-10-10, of which Rupees 64-6-2 is the amount of enhanced quit-rent for Fusly 1277, imposed by the Inam Commission on the Shotriem village of Pudupakam, Chingleput Talook, to which the Shotriemdar did not consent, and Rupees 19-4-8, the amount of quit-rent reduced by the Inam Commission on the Shotriem Village of Nazarapettah, Sydapet Talook, in consideration of land taken up by Government for the High Western road.

Ryotwar.

59. The irrecoverable balance of Rupees 21,671-9-2 is chiefly composed of the following items:—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Shavy remitted after the settlement	15,400	7	4
2. Difference between the Taram assessment and that collected from villages of the North Arcot District transferred before the revision of assessment	1,529	7	2
3. Remission of assessment on Casuarina and firewood plantations on which full assessment had been previously charged, but which have been since granted free of assessment for ten years	1,328	13	3

The details of the other minor items, amounting to Rupees 3,412-13-5, are given in the annexed explanatory statement.

Miscellaneous.

60. The irrecoverable balance is Rupees 5,996-12-7, and consist chiefly of the following items, namely—

	RS.	A.	P.
1. Shavy remitted after the settlement	2,584	6	5
2. Arrears on account of Manavari or ground-rent on house sites in North Arcot villages abolished by the Board—*Vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 28th April 1868, No. 3,092	613	4	1
3. Arrears for Fusly 1273 standing in the accounts against Mooniappah Moodelliar and others, renters of the Shell quarries at Annamalaicherry, Ponneri Talook, remitted by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 27th November 1866, No. 8,534.	525	9	10

The other minor items, amounting to Rupees 2,273-8-3, are detailed in the annexed explanatory statement.

Coercive process.

61. Coercive process was employed in 1,172 villages against 9,377 persons for the recovery of arrears amounting to Rupees 1,49,655. The value of property attached was Rupees 1,67,359. The sale proceeds of property actually sold was Rupees 26,041, or Rupees 8,401 less than the previous Fusly.

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62. With reference to Board's Circular No. 1 of 1869, (Standing No. 277-2,) paragraph 7, I have to state that nothing was collected on account of procees fees during the Fusly under review.

Statement No. 9.—Gross collections and charges.

63. The gross collections from all sources of revenue in Fusly 1278 was Rupees 49,74,689, or a net increase of Rupees 4,68,874, resulting from a gross increase of Rupees 4,76,464 against a gross decrease of Rupees 7,590. This decrease is in the item of License Tax, and has already been explained. In all other items there has been increase.

64. The gross charges amounted to Rupees 7,29,706, being a net increase of Rupees 1,617, resulting from a gross increase of Rupees 92,946 and a gross decrease of Rupees 91,329. The percentage of charges on the collections is 14½, or 1½ per cent. less than the previous Fusly. Deducting the gross charges, Rupees 7,29,706, from the gross collections, Rupees 49,74,689, the net revenue of the year is Rupees 42,44,983, or 85½ per cent.

65. It will be observed that this statement exhibits the charges on account of License Tax as in excess of the collections. The cause is that the collections for the Town of Madras up to May inclusive were remitted to the Madras Bank. The collections for June alone are entered in column 2 of the Abstract, while the charges for the whole year, exclusive of the Collector's salary which was drawn from the Bank, are entered in column 5.

66. I will now notice the causes of fluctuations in the principal items of charges.

(1). *Refunds of Revenue.*—There is an increase of Rupees 4,789, the amount charged for waste and subsequently remitted.

(2). *Salaries of Collectors, etc.*—The increase of Rupees 11,298 is attributable to the circumstance that three additional Assistant Collectors were posted to the district.

(3). *Tent and house-rent allowance*—.The increase of Rupees 1,646 is to be ascribed to the same cause as that mentioned in the last item.

(4). *Huzoor and Talook Establishments.*—The increase is Rupees 1,373, and is owing to pay of the temporary establishment sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings, No. 106, dated 13th January 1868, being for the whole year, whereas it was for only a portion of the previous Fusly.

Contingencies.

67. The increase of Rupees 3,750 in this item is owing to the following extra charges :—

(1). Extra tentage of the Settlement Officer appointed for the settlement of boundary disputes between the Kalastry Zemindar and Government.

(2). The pay and batta of his establishment.

Abkarry.

68. The increase of Rupees 25,208 is almost wholly ascribable to increased quantity of Colombo arrack purchased.

License Tax.

69. Decrease of Rupees 2,994 is chiefly owing to the reduction of establishment in April 1869.

Salt.

70. The increase of Rupees 1,662 on account of establishment is thus accounted for—Arrears of pay due to the Superintendents of Kattur and Vadasamanjeri was disbursed in Fusly 1278, an Assistant Superintendent for Vichur was newly entertained, and the pay of other servants increased.

71. The decrease of Rs. 50,264 in the item "Purchase of Salt, etc.," and of Rs. 34,132 under the head "Charges for conveying and storing salt," is to be ascribed to the decrease in manufacture.

72. The decrease of Rupees 2,988 in charges for exporting salt is in consequence of no charge having been incurred under that head in Fusly 1278—*Vide* Notification of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st March 1868, published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette* of the 7th April 1868, page 856.

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Salt contingencies.

73. The increase of Rupees 40,761 is owing to the large amount expended on salt works, under the head Petty Construction and Repairs, in Fusly 1278.

Village and Talook accounts.

74. The Talook and Village accounts were, as usual, examined and found to be kept in the prescribed forms. It is, however, to be observed that the Curnums in many villages still continue to enter Tamil instead of English figures.

Land acquired by public servants.

75. From the following statement it will be observed that the extent of land acquired during the Fusly by fourteen persons is Cawnies 86-7-8:—

Talook.	Name and rank.	Land acquired by public servants.					
		Talook.	Village.	How acquired.	Extent.		
					CS.	A.	C.
Sydapet.........	Ramanja Pillay, Revenue Inspector.	Sydapet	Kunnathur ...	Purchased. .	0	8	8
Chingleput	Vijiya Runga Moodelliar, Tahsildar.	do.	Sydapet.	Durkhast...	0	12	10
Do.	Munisami Naidu, Revenue Inspector.	Chingleput ...	Karavai	Purchased. .	0	5	0
Do.	Rutnasabapathe Moodelliar, Sub-Magistrate, Tiruporur Division.	Madras.........	Pursawakum. .	do. ...	0	9	12
Madurantakum.	Kistna Row, Talook Sheristadar.	Conjeveram ...	Manimungalam.	Durkhast...	17	10	12
Conjeveram......	Narasimah Charry, Talook Goomastah.	do.	Sarapavanjeri.	Court's sale.	27	0	0
Do.	Ragava Charry, Talook Goomastah.	Chingleput ...	Chettipunniyam.	Mortgage...	2	7	0
Ponneri	Mir Ansar Din Saib, Tahsildar.	Wallajah Talook of North Arcot District.	Jaghire Tandlam.	do. ...	9	15	14
Do.	Subba Row, Talook Goomastah.	Chingleput ...	Tunjam	do. ...	1	8	0
Madras Abkarry Department.	Desika Charry, Deputy Superintendent.	Sydapet	Tiruvattur ...	do. ...	2	3	4
Madras Registrar's Department.	Narrainsami Naidu, Goomastah.	Ponneri	Siruvayam ...	Durkhast...	6	5	0
Madras Salt Department.	Appasami Moodelly, Clerk	Sydapet	Vadasamanjeri	Purchased. .	3	0	8
Do.	Do. do.	Ponneri	Puludiwakam.	Durkhast...	2	1	0
Do.	Govinda Iyer, Superintendent of Voyalur.	Do.	do.	Purchased. .	1	5	10
Do.	Somalinga Moodelly, Superintendent of Vallur.	Sydapet	Kuttiwakum.	do. ...	6	8	0
Do.	Do. do.	Ponneri	Methavoil ...	do. ...	4	2	10
					86	7	8

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Reduction of assessment of the old well lands.

76. Owing to the late date on which the Order of Government, dated 17th March 1869, No. 723, was received the reduction of the assessment of the old well lands therein sanctioned was not carried out at the last settlement. However, orders have been issued to suspend the collection of the difference between the old and new rates. The revised rates will be introduced at the next settlement.

SYDAPET,
7th October 1869.

(Signed) G. THORNHILL,
Acting Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

NORTH ARCOT.

I HAVE the honor to submit, with the returns particularized in the accompanying list, the Settlement Report of this District for Fusly 1278, (A. D. 1868-69.)

Settlement of Talooks.

2. The Jummahbundy of the Principal Division commenced on the 6th January with the settlement of the Gudiattum Talook, and terminated on the 10th July with that of Palmanair. The names of the several places at which the settlement was made in each talook and time so occupied are shown in Statement No. 1. The Jummahbundy of the Gudiattum, Chittoor, and Palmanair Talooks was made by myself, and those of Wallajah and Chendragherry by Messrs. Wilkinson and Gibson respectively. The Jummahbundy of the Chittoor Talook was unusually protracted and difficult, as it involved the settlement of the two "Minor" estates of Bungary and Nurganty.

3. Of the four talooks comprised in the Sub-division that of Wandewash was settled by Mr. Brandt, and the Arcot Talook by Mr. Gordon. Mr. Comyn returned to the district in indifferent health, and having to accompany His Excellency the Governor in his tour of the district it was arranged that Mr. LeeWarner should complete the Jummahbundy of the Vellore Talook which he had already begun, and afterwards settle the Polur Talook. Thus owing to a combination of circumstances the settlement of the Sub-division was sub-divided and retarded to a degree which for obvious reasons is much to be regretted.

Fluctuation in the number and tenure of Villages.

4. The number of Ryotwary villages in the district remains as it was during the previous Fusly, viz., 2,923 villages.

Puttahs.

Memorandum, dated 3rd December 1866, No. 1,206.
Proceedings, dated 3rd January 1867, No. 12.

5. Under the instructions conveyed in the Board's Official Memorandum and Proceedings cited in the margin fresh puttahs in pamphlet form were distributed in all the talooks. The total number of puttahs thus issued was 1,80,864.

Season and sanitary state of the District.

6. The season upon which I report was even more disastrous than the previous season, bad as that was. The south-west monsoon, it is true, set in early and brought with it a longer duration of showery weather than the district had had for some years; but there was no heavy continuous rain, and the tanks did not receive their supply of early water. The north-east monsoon failed altogether. In the first week of December there was a short burst on the eastern frontier nearest the coast line, but more inland there fell only light and most unequally distributed showers, which neither filled the tanks nor brought flood water down the streams. Thus the season, which had opened hopefully, again terminated in a disastrous loss of agricultural produce and profits, and in the premature interruption of the ordinary channels of rural industry. The tanks

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fed by anicut and river channels had at no time more than half the average supply, whereas the tanks dependant on natural drainage were for the most part not more than one-fourth full.

7. The harvest of the earlier sown dry grains, such as raggy, kandulu, (red gram,) and cholum was good, but in horse-gram, varagu, samé, and other dry crop cut later in the season, the yield was only from one-fourth to half of an average crop. *In wet land irrigated by river channel,* the first crop turned out well; but the second crop failed very generally owing to the unseasonable drought, and much of it withered at all stages of maturity. In like manner the *early crop under tanks* was tolerably good, but a large proportion of the double crop land could not be cultivated at all in consequence of the total failure of the north-east monsoon. Thus in the wet cereals the yield was only from one-fourth to three-fourths of an average crop; and although the coarser grains and pulses were a fair average along the western side of the district the out-turn of dry crop in other parts was a good deal below that standard.

8. The subjoined statement gives the average rain-fall during the last five years. The Registers from which these important statistics are compiled are probably on the whole well kept, but it is very desirable that the long promised gauges, which are to take the place of those now in use, should be distributed with as little further delay as possible:—

Fuslies.	South-West Monsoon.							North-East Monsoon.							Grand Total.
	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Total.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	Total.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1274......	0·1	0·4	2·7	3·1	6·5	1·2	12·20	5·5	9·6	0·8	...	0·1	...	14·2	26·4
1275......	1·2	1·6	2·4	2·4	4·2	1·3	13·1	0·8	6·5	4·3	..	0·1	...	11·7	24·8
1276......	...	0·4	0·3	1·1	6·0	3·6	11·4	10·9	2·1	6·7	0·3	0·2	0·1	20·3	31·7
1277......	0·1	0·1	0·4	2·5	4·3	2·1	9·5	3·0	0·9	0·4	2·3	...	...	6·6	16·1
1278......	0·3	1·1	2·6	3·6	2·1	4·2	13·9	5·7	2·9	4·0	...	...	0·7	13·3	27·2

9. Notwithstanding the adverse character of the season the general health of the district was exceptionally good. There were a few sporadic outbreaks of cholera in the Wallajah, Arcot, and Chendragherry Talooks, but the disease was not of a malignant type, and the returns show only 90 fatal cases from this cause against 374 in the previous year. The mortality from small-pox, as may be seen from the statement in the margin, likewise contrasts favorably with the returns of the preceding year, whilst the deaths from fever are somewhat in excess. On the other hand the mortality among farm stock was greater than in 1867-68, and 19,374* head of cattle were carried off by murrain under the several forms of the disease. Medicines were liberally distributed, and although not uniformly successful they no doubt contributed, when properly administered, to arrest the spread of disease.

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Small-pox............	5,175	2,047	......	3,128
Fever..................	7,425	7,849	424	......

* Cows..	3,019
Bullocks..	5,663
She Buffaloes..	1,365
He do.	1,308
Sheep	8,019
	19,374

Prices.

10. Except in the case of paddy of both sorts the prices of all the principal food grains were lower than the market rates of the previous year. The difference in the price of paddy is very small considering that the north-east monsoon failed totally. It will be seen from the subjoined statement that cholum and cumboo excepted the prices of all other grains are still more or less above the decennial average. The yield in some of the dry grains was remarkably good on the western side of the district, and in the adjoining Mysore country the raggy crop was,

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I learn, unusually abundant. It is matter of congratulation that, notwithstanding the unfavorable out-turn of the season, there was so little fluctuation in the price of wet cereals.

Grains.	Average prices for ten years, from Fusly 1268 to Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase or decrease in Fusly 1278, as compared with the average.	Per centage.	Increase or decrease in Fusly 1278, as compared with Fusly 1277.	Per-centage.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Paddy, 1st sort, per garce.	166	191	197	Increase. 31	16	Increase. 6	3
Do. 2nd do. do. ...	155	176	180	Do. 25	14	Do. 4	2¼
Cholum or Javery	226	277	206	Decrease. 20	10	Decrease. 71	34½
Cumboo or Bajera...	210	250	201	Do. 9	4¼	Do. 49	24½
Raggy	201	256	214	Increase. 13	6	Do. 42	19¾
Horse-gram.................	232	251	237	Do. 5	2	Do. 14	6

Ryots' Holdings.

	Extent. Acres.	Assessment. RS.
Dry. Relinquished	10,993	15,862
Dry. Taken up	25,897	33,150
Difference...	14,904	17,268
Wet. Relinquished	3,445	19,970
Wet. Taken up	4,448	23,705
Difference...	1,003	3,735
Ryots' holding in Fusly 1277......	6,40,942	18,01,944
Do. in Fusly 1278......	6,56,849	18,22,948
Increase in Fusly 1278	15,907	21,004

11. In Statement No. 3 are compared the statistics of land, wet and dry, taken up and relinquished during the year. From Enclosure A. it will be found that the area in "Ryotwary" holding during the year was greater by Acres 15,907, bearing an assessment of Rupees 21,004, than in the preceding Fusly. This increase is ascribable to the large extent of wet, and particularly of dry land taken up for cultivation at the outset of the season, which was most encouraging. A large proportion of the wet land thus taken up was later in the year, owing to the failure of the north-east monsoon, either put down in dry crop or had to be remitted as waste and shavy.

	Extent. Acres.	Assessment RS.
Wet	2	7
Dry	49	34
Total.........	51	41

12. Under the terms of the Government Order, dated 15th May 1868, No. 1,370, Revenue Department, communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 19th June 1868, No. 4,561, the ayacut (extent and assessment as per margin) of a deserted village in the Palmanair Talook was made over to Reverend Mr. Chamberlain on a progressive lease of twenty-one years from Fusly 1277. This item, which ought to have found place in Enclosure C. of Statement No. 3 of the last year's accounts, was by some oversight omitted, but has now been entered in the current year's accounts in column 2 of Enclosure C., headed "As per last year." Of this village ayacut 7 Acres of dry land were cultivated, and as a small part of this was put down in wet crop irrigated from a Government pond a water-rate of 3 Rupees was charged on it.

Remission.

	Extent. Acres.	Assessment. RS.
Wet	34,034	1,72,907
Dry	34,235	46,810
Total......	68,269	2,19,717

13. As was to be expected of a season which had so belied its earlier promise the remissions for waste, wet, and dry were necessarily very large. The total loss of revenue under this head was, however, less than that of the previous year by Rupees 47,633, notwithstanding the very large remissions on waste, wet, and dry in the four talooks of the sub-division, and particularly in those of Arcot and Wandewash. In the talooks of the principal division full

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remission was given on nunjah waste, but on dry land it was very sparingly granted, and the people seemed quite satisfied with the settlement. The Board have already commented on Mr. Brandt's letter, reporting the results of his settlement of the Wandewash Talook, and I now beg to enclose copy of a letter* from Mr. Gordon, who settled the Arcot Talook, giving a brief resumé of his operations in that part of the subdivision.

* Dated 19th July 1869, No. 275.

14. Subjoined is a comparative statement of Ryotwary land revenue and remissions during the last two Fuslies:—

Items.	Last Fusly.		Present Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Wet	2,06,724	11,90,689 5 11	2,07,727	11,94,424 14 2	1,003	3,736	...	...
Dry..................	4,34,218	6,11,254 10 4	4,49,122	6,28,522 9 10	14,904	17,268	...	...
Total...	6,40,942	18,01,944 0 3	6,56,849	18,22,947 8 0	15,907	21,004	...	...
Add								
Second crop Assessment.........	......	32,569 8 3	......	40,564 0 1	...	7,994	...	...
Additional do. ...	......	20,551 13 3	......	22,175 2 1	...	1,623	...	...
Water Tax	......	... ...	......	... ...	...	...	...	...
Road Fund	......	1,46,065 2 2	......	1,25,067 0 11	...	...	...	20,998
Village Service Fund	......	6,237 4 5	......	7,742 4 7	...	1,505	...	...
Total...	......	20,07,367 12 4	......	20,18,495 15 8	...	32,126	...	20,998
Deduct								
Remissions	......	2,67,349 12 4	......	2,19,716 9 5	...	...	...	47,632
Road Fund	......	1,46,065 2 2	......	1,25,067 0 11	...	...	...	20,998
Village Service Fund	......	95,603 2 9	......	99,740 1 10	...	4,137	...	...
Other remissions as particularized in Statement No. 4	......	2,40,994 7 9	......	1,69,002 11 8	...	...	...	71,991
Total...	......	7,50,012 9 0	......	6,13,526 7 10	...	4,137	...	1,40,621
Balance...	......	12,57,355 3 4	......	14,04,969 7 10	...	1,47,614	...	...
Miscellaneous...	......	1,40,140 12 4	......	1,37,055 7 10	...	...	...	3,086
Total...	......	13,97,495 15 8	......	15,42,024 15 8	...	1,44,529	...	...

15. From the foregoing statement the Board will find that, notwithstanding the exceedingly unfavorable character of the latter part of the season under review, there was an increase of Acres 15,907 in the area, wet and dry, under cultivation, with an additional revenue of Rupees 21,004, as compared with the statistics of the previous year.

16. This result, as also the increase shown in the year's accounts, under the heads "Second crop assessment" and "Additional assessment," are of course in a great measure due to the fact that the year with which comparison is made was itself a very unfavorable one.

17. Having explained in detail in my last report the financial results of the extension of Act III. of 1866 to the several proprietary estates which had up to that time been exempt from the demand of Road Cess I need not revert to the subject.

18. The decrease of Rupees 20,998 under Road Fund is really only nominal, as in the preceding year with which comparison is made large outstanding arrears of the cess in the proprietary estates were brought to account; whereas the present account only shows current income.

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19. The increase under the Village Service Fund is consequent on the extended cultivation carried out under the circumstances noticed in paragraph 11 of this report. The instructions conveyed in the Board's Order quoted in the margin, regarding the administration of this fund, were not carried out, pending the Board's answer to my reference of the 24th July, No. 5,359, which was only very recently received. I shall now give effect to those orders so far as they are applicable to this district from Fusly 1279.

Circular Memorandum, dated 12th March 1869, No. 238.

20. Notwithstanding the heavy remissions granted in the southern talooks the total loss of revenue under this head was less by Rupees 47,632 than that of the previous year. This is a mere *pro tanto* improvement on the results of a comparison with a most unfavorable year, as the general beriz of the district is still 1½ lac below its ordinary standard.

21. Under Miscellaneous and other items of remissions there is the large decrease of Rs. 71,991; the causes which have contributed to this result will be noticed in detail further on.

Actual Cultivation.

Fuslies.	Extent. Acres.	Assessment. RS
1277	5,52,974	15,34,594
1278	5,62,044	15,64,272
Increase	9,070	29,678

22. The area brought under cultivation is given marginally in comparison with the statistics of the previous year. The causes which led to an increase in the acreage under cultivation have already been noticed in paragraph 11 of this report. In this, as in the item of remissions, the year is a gainer from being brought into comparison with the exceedingly unfavorable season which preceded it.

Waste charged and remitted.

Fuslies.	Charged.	Remitted.
1277	3,761	2,67,350
1278	38,960	2,19,717

23. The amount of waste charged and remitted is shown in the margin. The amount of waste charged is, it will be observed, very much larger, although lower than the average extent so charged in former years. The waste charged during the year under report is almost wholly dry land, which might have been cultivated in the earlier and more favorable part of the season. The rates on dry land are so light that it is desirable, as well in the interests of the revenue as of a prudent and independent industry, that the old principle should be re-asserted, that remission is not claimable on dry land except under the most exceptional circumstances.

24. There was a decrease in the acreage under sugar-cane, cotton, and indigo. The return is probably not very accurate, as the statistics from the proprietary estates are very incomplete. At the same time the low state of the springs in wells and channels, and the failure of the periodical rains, were peculiarly adverse to the cultivation of the sugar-cane. The subjoined statement shows the extent and assessment of lands cultivated with these special products:—

Fuslies.	Sugar-cane.		Cotton.		Indigo.	
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1277	5,116	44,451	5,633	11,541	15,552	44,567
1278	4,370	34,701	5,062	10,230	9,168	20,370
Increase	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease	746	9,750	571	1,311	6,384	24,197

Occasional Remissions.

25. Statement No. 4 shows the particulars of remissions granted during the year. The more important items in that statement will now be noticed *seriatim*.

No. 1.—Shamlat Banger.

26. The remission of Rupees 926 under this head is trifling, and does not call for remark.

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No. 2.—Shavy.

27. The remission under this item was, as might be expected, heavy, and amounted to Rupees 1,09,829. This though large was less than the previous year's remission under the same head by Rupees 25,796.

No. 4.—Pani Budthy.

28. Rupees 344 were remitted on account of loss by inundation. It occurred in some villages which suffer periodically from this cause in proportion as the Kaveripauk tank receives a full or partial supply.

No. 7.—Cowle Remissions.

29. The trifling remission under this head of Rupees 42 is due to the cause noticed in paragraph 12 of this report.

Nos. 9 and 10.—Bhoganasty or Fassul Cummy and Chickadpuldi.

30. Under these heads the remissions were respectively Rupees 18,001 and 6,802. There is a decrease of Rupees 3,712 under "Bhoganasty" as compared with the past year, and the remission for Chickadpuldi was likewise les sby Rupees 4,296. This result is attributable to certain advantages of season over that with which it is compared.

Miscellaneous Items.

31. Under this head are comprised the three following items, namely, Vithupal or loss of seed, parcels of arable land excavated for material, and damage by the conflagration in the Chittapara village, reported in the correspondence noted in the margin. The two first items are very trifling and explain themselves.

Board's Proceedings, 23rd March 1869, No. 1,988.

Loss by fire in the Chittapara village.

32. My letter to Board, dated 6th March last, No. 48, describes the circumstances of this conflagration; and when settling the village a special remission of Rupees 384 was allowed on holdings which had been cultivated, but which would have been sold for the recovery of the dues on them had such indulgence not been shown.

Items allowed from the collections or from the entire beris of villages.

Road Fund.

33. The small decrease of Rupees 64 under this item pertains to the villages transferred from South Arcot to this district in which some land fell out of cultivation owing to the failure of the rains.

Land Revenue, Miscellaneous.

34. The details pertaining to these items are given in Statement No. 5.

No. 1.—Jody on Sundry Inams. Personal, Service, and Dasabandam.

35. The decrease of Rupees 10,622-4-2 under this head is nominal, as the increase under the head in last year's accounts was entirely made up of arrears of quit-rent due upon Inam lands in the Kangoondy and Punganoor Zemindaries, which were included in the demand of that year.

36. In explanation of the remission of Rupees 70-5-9, under item "Service Inams," I should mention that it is made up of some small items of Jody due on Inam nunjah land left waste by Toties, Taliaries, and Neerkatties in the more drought-stricken parts of the Chittoor Talook, which were remitted by me as a special case. In my next report I will ask the Board to permit me to write the amount off the accounts.

No 6.—Land cultivated but not included in the Jummahbundy.

37. The increase of Rupees 6,960-4-10 under this item is made up of the assessment of certain lands which had been cultivated without formal durkhast, but which have since been included in the accounts.

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No. 15.—Revenue from reverted resumed Inams.

38. The increase of Rupees 178 under this head is occasioned by the resumption of certain Inams, in consequence of the Inamdars having failed to appear before the Commissioner for enfranchisement.

No. 16.—Collection from Village Service Inam for offices vacant.

39. The decrease of Rupees 177 under this item is explained by the fact that there were fewer vacancies in village office than in the previous year.

No. 17.—Revenue from sequestered Inams.

40. There is a decrease of Rupees 1,284 under this item. In this is comprised the revenue derived on the Inams, whose proprietors either failed to appear before the Inam Commissioner for settlement, or declined to receive the title deeds. The decrease itself is due to diminished cultivation in some Inams, and to others having been restored to the proprietors under the instructions of the Inam Commissioner.

No. 18.—Revenue from Hill villages.

41. There is an increase of Rupees 252 in this species of agriculture, which depends principally on the early rain-fall.

No. 40.—Commission on the sale of distrained property attached for arrears of Land Revenue.

42. The increase of Rupees 100 under this item explains itself.

No. 41.—Commission on private estates under Circar management.

43. The increase of Rupees 186 under this head is consequent on the improvement in the revenues of the Bungary and Nurganty estates.

No. 45.—Excess collection over the demand.

44. In explanation of the decrease of Rupees 620 under this item I may mention that, whereas in the previous year there were cases in which the assessment had been fully collected before the demand could be fixed with reference to existing circumstances, no such refunds became necessary in the year under report.

No. 46.—Water tax on Zemindary Inam, etc., lands.

45. Under this item there is a small increase of Rupees 864 which does not require special notice.

No. 51.—Other items.

46. The total increase under this head is Rupees 1,091. In this are included the sale proceeds of puttahs and receipt books issued under the instructions of the Board already alluded to in paragraph 5 of this report. The particulars of the several items comprised under this head are explained with other similar details in the Memorandum appended to Statement No. 5.

Sundry sources of Revenue.

47. Subjoined is an abstract statement in which are compared the several sources of revenue brought under this head, with the same statistics for the previous year:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Abkarry	2,92,155	2,92,155	...	...
Miscellaneous	579	612	33	...
Total...	2,92,734	2,92,767	33	...
License Tax	21,930	14,430	...	7,500
Miscellaneous	...	208	208	...
Income Tax	...	705	705	...
Total...	21,930	15,343	913	7,500
Stamps	1,35,584	1,36,639	1,055	...
Miscellaneous	1,988	77	...	1,911
Total......	1,37,572	1,36,716	1,055	1,911
Grand Total......	4,52,236	4,44,826	2,001	9,411

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License Tax.

48. The decrease of Rupees 7,500 under this item is due to the fact that the new Income Tax Act IX. of 1869, which took the place of the old Act IX. of 1868, was only in imperfect operation during the period under review.

Stamps.

49. The increase of Rupees 1,055 under Stamps has been caused by the large purchase of stamped paper in connection with arrangements for the conduct of the new Abkarry farms sold within the Fusly under report. The decrease under the head "Stamp, Miscellaneous" is nominal, and is the result of the Accountant General's recent instructions,* directing that penalties levied by the Courts, which had hitherto been included in this item, should hereafter be shown under "Law and Justice."

*Circular Memorandum, No. 46, dated 21st February 1868.

50. The subjoined statement exhibits the particulars of Revenue from all sources:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled	5,09,845	5,09,845	...	...
Not permanently settled—				
Quit-rent on Shrotriem and entire villages ...	23,634	23,408	...	226
Ryotwar	12,57,355	14,04,970	1,47,615	...
Miscellaneous items	1,40,141	1,37,055	...	30,086
Total...	19,30,975	20,75,278	1,47,615	30,312
Abkarry	2,92,734	2,92,767	33	...
License Tax	21,930	14,638	..	7,292
Income Tax	...	705	705	...
Stamps	1,37,572	1,36,716	...	856
Grand Total...	23,83,211	25,20,104	1,48,353	38,460

51. The decrease under "Quit-rent on shrotriem and entire villages" is Rupees 226. This pertains to two villages. In one, Kalur, a village in the Chendragherry Talook, a permanent reduction of Rupees 15 has been made in the Jody on account of land taken up for local roads. In another, the village of Kaligherry in the Chittoor Talook, still under attachment, there is a decrease of Rupees 211 in the Jody. The causes which have led to this result are explained in paragraph 60 of my last report.

52. The increase of Rupees 1,47,615 under "Ryotwar" has been already noticed. It represents the year's recovery on the previous year's beriz, which had fallen some 3½ lacs below its average standard.

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53. There is a decrease of Rupees 30,086 under the head "Miscellaneous items." The causes have been explained in the foregoing part of this report, which treats of the several items comprised under this head.

54. Subjoined is a statement showing the receipts under all items as compared with the figures of the preceding Fusly:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled	1,28,730	2,78,402	4,07,132	1,90,971	3,67,991	5,58,962	1,51,830	...
Jody on Shrotriem, etc., villages ...	3,182	12,245	15,427	8,324	11,064	19,388	3,961	...
Ryotwar	2,20,577	7,64,570	9,85,147	3,97,627	8,18,256	12,15,883	2,30,736	...
Miscellaneous	53,425	40,336	93,761	61,264	39,147	1,00,411	6,650	...
Total...	4,05,914	10,95,553	15,01,467	6,58,186	12,36,458	18,94,644	3,93,177	...
Abkarry	38,959	2,19,264	2,58,223	23,470	2,50,484	2,73,954	15,731	...
Salt	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
License Tax	...	21,931	21,931	...	14,639	14,639	...	7,292
Income Tax	...	...	...	...	705	705	705	...
Sea Customs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Land Customs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stamps	...	1,37,572	1,37,572	...	1,36,716	1,36,716	...	856
Grand Total...	4,44,873	14,74,320	19,19,193	6,81,656	16,39,002	23,20,658	4,09,613	8,148

Permanently settled.

55. The increase of Rupees 1,51,830 under this head is made up of certain arrears of peishcush paid up by the Zemindars of Punganoor and Kalastry on account of instalments due for Fusly 1277, which were allowed to lie over under the authority cited in the margin, in consideration of the distressed condition of their estates during the preceding year.

Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 28th August 1868, No. 6,188.
Do. do. dated 2nd September 1868, No. 6,275.

Jody on Shrotriem, etc., Villages.

56. The increase of Rupees 3,961 under this head is due to the collection, during the year, of some heavy arrears which were outstanding at the end of Fusly 1277.

Ryotwar.

57. The increase of Rupees 2,30,736 under this head is partly the result of the circumstances adverted to elsewhere in this report, and of more active collection of outstanding arrears.

Miscellaneous.

58. The same explanation applies to the increase of Rupees 6,650 under this head.

Abkarry.

59. The increase of Rupees 15,731 in Abkarry is due to greater punctuality in the payment of kists.

License Tax, Income Tax, and Stamps.

60. These three items have been separately noticed in the foregoing part of this report.

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61. Statement No. 8 shows the arrears outstanding against the previous Fuslies.

62. In the following abstract statement are embodied the items which require explanation:—

STATEMENT showing the recoverable, irrecoverable, and doubtful arrears, Fusly 1278, North Arcot District.

Items.	Fuslies.	Balance outstanding at the beginning of Fusly 1279.	Amount since collected up to 31st July 1869.	Balance.	Particulars of Column 5. Recoverable.	Doubtful.	Amount recommended to be written off the accounts.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Ryotwar	1269	195 0 7	... ...	195 0 7	169 14 9	2 6 3	22 11 7
	1270	563 7 9	... ...	563 7 9	533 2 10	2 6 3	27 14 8
	1271	643 11 4	... ...	643 11 0	599 0 0	5 15 3	38 12 1
	1272	2,305 13 3	... ...	2,305 13 3	1,957 8 4	91 0 7	257 4 4
	1273	2,346 0 4	... ...	2,346 0 4	1,852 8 1	227 3 3	266 5 0
	1274	1,055 1 3	2 0 0	1,053 1 3	960 1 9	19 10 1	73 5 5
	1275	10,579 1 7	33 2 4	10,545 15 3	9,454 0 3	278 3 6	813 11 6
	1276	19,149 13 8	279 2 3	18,870 11 5	16,708 4 4	191 12 5	1,970 10 8
	1277	1,05,585 8 2	2,176 1 6	1,03,409 6 8	59,373 4 0	280 14 9	43,755 3 11
Total......	...	1,42,423 9 11	2,490 6 1	1,39,933 3 10	91,607 12 4	1,099 8 4	47,225 15 2
Miscellaneous	1269	120 10 8	... ...	120 10 8	120 10 8	... ...	... ...
	1270	93 15 5	0 8 9	93 6 8	91 12 2	... ...	1 10 6
	1271	164 12 3	... ...	164 12 3	154 3 10	... ...	10 8 5
	1272	171 8 7	... ...	171 8 7	163 3 5	... ...	8 5 2
	1273	521 5 5	... ...	521 5 5	459 7 4	... ...	61 14 1
	1274	5,204 13 5	... ...	5,204 13 5	4,240 12 7	28 1 3	935 15 7
	1275	12,934 13 6	20 12 4	12,914 1 2	11,230 3 6	32 13 6	1,651 0 2
	1276	16,244 15 5	56 4 10	16,188 10 7	15,907 8 2	43 2 7	237 15 10
	1277	41,654 15 3	130 5 4	41,524 9 11	40,083 2 2	55 6 3	1,386 1 6
Total...	...	77,111 13 11	207 15 3	76,903 14 8	72,450 15 10	159 7 7	4,293 7 3
Grand Total...	...	2,19,535 7 10	2,698 5 4	2,16,837 2 6	1,64,058 12 2	1,258 15 11	51,519 6 5

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63. In column 6 of the foregoing statement the total recoverable arrears under Ryotwar and Miscellaneous is shown to amount to Rupees 1,64,058-12-2. But if, under the explanation which I shall give a little further on, the Board will be pleased to authorize a further sum of Rupees 6,430-7-0 to be written off the accounts the "Net recoverable arrears" will be reduced to Rupees 1,57,628-5-2. These are large balances, and are partly due to the indulgent policy which has been forced on the Tahsildars by a long series of unfavorable seasons and agricultural distress. Now, however, every effort is being made to bring this balance sheet into a more satisfactory state, and the Tahsildars have been given to understand that, inasmuch as the most liberal remissions have been given on every species of agricultural loss, no more temporising will be permitted, but that they must put the law in force where necessary and realize the balance outstanding against their respective talooks.

	RS.	A.	P.
Ryotwar............	47,225	15	2
Miscellaneous.........	4,293	7	8
	51,519	6	5

64. The several causes which have led to the remission of Rupees 51,519-6-5 shown in column 5 of the above statement under "Irrecoverable" are explained in enclosure marked A. This amount, Rupees 51,519-6-5, (see column 8 of statement,) I now solicit authority to write off the accounts as wholly irrecoverable.

65. Besides the Rupees 51,519-6-5 which I have just recommended to be written off the accounts there is a further amount of Rupees 6,430-7-0 under "Ryotwar" and "Miscellaneous" (see subjoined statement) pertaining to old outstanding arrears of five Fuslies from 1269 to 1273, which I beg permission to strike out of the balance sheet:—

Fuslies.	Ryotwar.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1269..	172	5	0	120	10	8	292	15	8
1270..	535	9	1	91	12	2	627	5	3
1271..	604	15	3	154	3	10	759	3	1
1272..	2,048	8	11	163	3	5	2,211	12	4
1273..	2,079	11	4	459	7	4	2,539	2	8
Total......	5,441	1	7	989	5	5	6,430	7	0

66. For years past the most stringent orders have been issued on the subject of these old balances, and the Tahsildars have been urged to realize what portion of them may be yet recoverable, and to return the remainder as irrecoverable. Notwithstanding all the pressure thus exercised with respect to these old balances the state of the collections remains much as it was years ago. It is easy to understand what complications have arisen in this long interval of years to enhance the difficulty of realizing under any form of action these arrears, and I am convinced that as long as the responsibility of recommending their being struck off the balance sheet rests with the Tahsildars no adjustment will or ever can be made. The very fact that balances pertaining to such remote periods remain almost in *statu quo* on the accounts is proof that they are either in their very nature irrecoverable, or if partially recoverable can only be realised at the cost of great suffering and loss to existing interests. I have satisfied myself from minute inquiries made during the Jummahbundy that it is utterly hopeless to look for an adjustment of such balances, and beg, therefore, to recommend that the arrears for Fuslies 1269, 1270, 1271, 1272, and 1273, amounting to Rupees 6,430-7-0, may also be struck off the balance sheet, with the Rupees 51,519-6-5 which I have recommended to be written off the accounts in paragraph 64 of this report.

67. Enclosure A. in Statement No. 8 shows to what extent coercive measures were adopted for the recovery of revenue during the Fusly under report.

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68. The following abstract statement shows the number of processes issued, the value of property attached, and the amount realised by sale:—

Divisions.	Processes issued.			Estimated value of property attached.			Property sold.					
							Land.		Personal property.		Total.	
	No. of villages.	No. of Ryots.	Amount of arrears.	Land.	Personal property.	Total.	Estimated value.	Value actually sold.	Estimated value.	Value actually sold.	Estimated value.	Value actually sold.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Principal Division.	944	10,564	46,152	704	7,851	8,555	368	374	630	835	998	1,209
Sub-division......	798	10,453	1,17,694	8,530	6,033	14,563	...	...	838	1,209	838	1,209
Total...	1,742	21,017	1,63,846	9,234	13,884	23,118	368	374	1,468	2,044	1,836	2,418

69. The decrease in the number of processes issued during the year under report is an indication of improvement in the circumstances of the agricultural masses. Whilst on the subject I may observe that the instructions conveyed in the Board's Standing Circular Order, No. 1 of 1869, are being attended to in all such coercive operations.

70. Statement No. 9 shows the gross collections and charges during the year under report. As the details of "Collections" have been elsewhere noticed, I shall now bring under brief review the several items of "Charges."

71. The decrease of Rupees 485, under "Refund of revenue," is trifling, and calls for no remark.

72. There is an increase of Rupees 6,667 in salaries of Collector, Sub-Collector, Head Assistant, etc. This is owing to the salary of the permanent Head Assistant, who was absent on leave in the preceding year, having been disbursed during the period under review.

73. The decrease of Rupees 882, under the head "Huzoor and Talook Establishments," is made up of savings in the salaries of certain posts in the Huzoor and Talooks, which remained vacant at intervals.

74. Under "Medical charges" there is an increase of Rupees 776 occasioned by the augmented rate of pay drawn by Hospital Assistants under the recent orders of Government.

75. There is a decrease of Rupees 658 under the head "Contingent charges."

76. The increase of Rupees 1,868, under "Miscellaneous charges," is made up of certain items of which the two following are the principal:—The first is an item of Rupees 993, being the amount of compensation paid on account of land taken up for public purposes, with reference to Government Order, dated 1st May 1868, No. 3,190. The second is an item of Rupees 816, pertaining to law charges, etc., incurred in connection with the suit filed by Mr. Willix, and including the sum paid to him (Mr. Willix) under the authority conveyed in the Board's Proceedings, dated 28th November 1868, No. 8,228.

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77. Among the other statements which accompany this report will be found one showing the extent, etc., of land transferred from Nunjah to Punjah rates of assessment. The subjoined abstract exhibits the sacrifice of revenue involved in this re-classification:—

Extent.	Nunjah assessment.	Punjah assessment.	Difference.
ACRES.	RS. A. P	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
484	2,792 0 10	885 4 0	1,906 12 10

Topes.

78. Enclosed is a statement showing the area of land made over on cowle for the formation of private and public topes. This statement will show that, during the year, tracts measuring in the aggregate Acres 204, and lying in 33 villages, were made over on cowle for the purpose of being planted out as private topes. The people are, I am well assured, thoroughly alive to the advantages conferred on this form of industry by existing rules, but the seasons latterly have been so unfavorable as to check and discourage all general enterprise in this direction.

Lands acquired by public Servants.

79. A statement of lands acquired by public servants will be found among the other enclosures forwarded with this report.

80. In no single case was advantage taken of the notification published with the Board's Standing Circular, No. XV. of 1868.

Huzoor, Talook, and Village accounts.

81. The remarks made in last report on the way in which the accounts, Huzoor, Talook, and Village are kept are still applicable, but judging from specimens of the two latter sets of accounts taken at random and examined in my office I may say that there is year by year a perceptible improvement in all the principal requisites in such papers.

82. Subjoined is an abstract statement showing the breadth of arable land with assessment under the Palar, Ponne, and Cheyar anicuts, and the three great tanks of Kaveripauk, Mamandur, and Cheduperi.

Principal sources of irrigation.	No. of Tanks.	No. of Villages.	TOTAL AYACUT.		CULTIVATION.	
			Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Ponne Anicut with subsidiary channel feeding tanks—						
In Chittoor Talook.........	12	6	1,009	5,881	744	4,388
In Wallajah do.	62	55	10,169	46,438	6,594	35,567
In Gudiattum do.	3	3	416	2,370	260	1,259
Total......	77	64	11,594	54,689	7,598	41,214
2. Palar Anicut with channel feeding tanks—						
In Wallajah Talook.........	31	36	7,808	41,782	5,312	29,783
In Arcot do.	80	63	9,228	50,837	7,083	39,602
Total......	111	99	17,036	92,619	12,395	69,385
3. Cheyar Anicut with channel feeding tanks—						
Wandewash Talook.........	42	42	4,550	27,936	3,726	23,858
4. Kaveripauk Tank...	1	23	5,542	28,005	4,623	27,832
5. Mamandur do.	1	19	3,085	21,390	2,307	16,944
6. Cheduperi do.	1	11	1,551	10,491	1,345	8,112

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83. From this statement the Board will learn that a considerable additional tract of country in the Wallajah Talook has been brought under command of the Ponne anicut by the extension of its system of channels. The decrease in the Ayacut in the same talook, irrigated from the Palar anicut, is nominal, as by an error which has been rectified in the accounts now submitted the ayacut of some villages transferred to the Madras District had been retained on the returns of this district.

84. The number of ruined tanks surrendered during the year to private applicants was five.* The aggregate registered area under these five tanks is 49 Acres, bearing an assessment at old rates of Rupees 185.

* 2 in Chittoor Talook,
2 in Chendragherry.
1 in Wandewash.

Remarks on the conduct of subordinate Officers.

85. The local staff was, for a great part of the time under review, in a very uncertain position; but it is matter of satisfaction that the district has ultimately regained the services of two officers so really interested in its welfare as Messrs. Comyn and LeeWarner.

In Mr. Gibson I lost a valuable Assistant, on whose cheerful and efficient co-operation I could always count.

Mr. Pearse has not yet qualified for an independent Revenue charge, but conducts his duties satisfactorily.

My Deputies, Mr. Marjoribanks and Iyaloo Naidoo, have my fullest confidence. They are both highly conscientious and useful public officers.

To my Sheristadar's ability and business qualifications I have frequently borne testimony. He continues to afford me entire satisfaction in all respects.

My Office establishment, and the staff of Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates, have on the whole been well conducted and attentive to their duties.

86. I enclose the Sub-Collector's Report† of the Settlement of his own Division. There are no points in it beyond the heavy remissions noticed in the earlier part of this report which appear to call for comment.

† Dated 19th August 1869, No. 329.

CHITTOOR,
28th August 1869.

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to report on the Jummahbundy of the Sub-division for Fusly 1278.

Settlement by whom conducted.

2. Of the four talooks comprised in the Sub-division the Talook of Wandewash was settled by Mr. Brandt, the late Acting Sub-Collector; that of Arcot by his successor, Mr. Gordon; and the remaining two talooks of Vellore and Polur by Mr. LeeWarner, the Acting Head Assistant Collector, who was placed in charge of the Sub-division upon Mr. Gordon's re-appointment to the Small Cause Court. Personally I took no part in the settlement, having returned to this district at about the close of the Fusly.

Where?

3. The settlement of each talook was conducted entirely in its own Cusbah, or in a village close to the Cusbah. This arrangement was rendered necessary by the scarcity of drinking water, and the difficulty of getting provisions experienced in other stations in each talook.

When?

Wandewash, 23 days, from 17th Feb. to 11th March.	Vellore, 12 days, from 29th May to 9th June.
Arcot, 24 days, from 5th to 28th May.	Polur, 7 days, from 22nd to 28th June.

4. The time occupied for the settlement is shown in the margin.

Puttahs.

5. All the puttahs distributed to the ryots were in the new form, the number being 88,161. This exceeds the number distributed last year by 5,790, and the increase is attributable chiefly to more lands being taken up for cultivation, and to a small extent to the sub-division of puttahs.

Villages.

6. The number and tenure of villages in the Sub-division remain the same as in last year.

Season.

7. The season was extremely unfavorable, the rain-fall was scanty and partial, the north-east monsoon was a failure. A large extent of land, dry and wet, was in consequence left waste; from the same cause dry and wet crops extensively perished, while the out-turn of such crops as came to maturity averaged from quarter to half of the usual harvest. In September, October, and November last year I was on circuit, and made a minute inspection of a great many villages in different parts of the division, and I anticipated that heavy remissions would be required. The nature and effect of the season have been already fully described in the letters from this office noted in the margin, it is unnecessary therefore for me to enlarge upon the subject. It will be sufficient to remark that the ryots having sustained heavy losses from a series of bad seasons and their resources having been nearly exhausted, the large remissions granted this year were found by the Settling Officers to be absolutely necessary.

From Mr. Brandt, No. 118, dated 24th March 1869.
From Mr. Gordon, No. 275, dated 19th July 1869.
From Mr. Comyn, No. 813, dated 9th August 1869.

Remissions.

8. The following statement shows the particulars of all the remissions granted. The total amount under the head of Occasional remission is below that of last year by Rs. 12,407-8-11,

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and the decrease is due to there being no remission granted this year for short produce and the non-reduction of assessment on wet lands cultivated with dry crops :—

Items.	Last Fusly.	Present Fusly.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5
Occasional Remission.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Dry Waste......................	38,174 1 5	44,643 12 9	6,469 11 4	....
Wet Waste........................	97,360 5 5	98,730 10 7	1,370 5 2	....
Dry and Wet Shavy	84,096 0 8	85,624 6 2	1,528 5 6	....
Stallacummy......................	15,216 2 5	19,504 2 4	4,287 15 11	....
Palanastum	12,787 4 7	....	....	12,787 4 7
Teerwah Cummy.................	12,849 15 4	....	....	12,849 15 4
Bhoganasty........................	1,142 4 11	1,429 11 2	287 6 3	....
Chickudpuldi......................	4,448 13 3	3,723 5 11	....	725 7 4
Kuttalai Jamai	....	11 5 4	11 5 4	....
Total...	2,66,074 15 2	2,53,667 6 3	....	12,407 8 11
Permanent Remission.				
Village servants' allowance or Merah........................	48,244 3 9	48,725 2 10	480 15 1	....
Difference of Road Cess for villages transferred from South Arcot...............	1,111 12 1	1,048 2 6	....	63 9 7
Total...	49,355 15 10	49,773 5 4	417 5 6	....
Grand Total...	3,15,430 15 0	3,03,440 11 7	Net.	11,990 3 5

Public Health.

9. Cholera and fever broke out in all the talooks except Polur, and 43 persons died from the former and 1,159 persons from the latter disease. The number of deaths from cholera and fever in each talook for this and the last year may be seen from the subjoined Memorandum:—

CHOLERA.

Talooks.	Present Fusly 1278.			Last Fusly 1277.			Comparison.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
Arcot	15	23	38	39	47	86	...	48
Wandewash......	2	...	2	30	8	38	...	36
Vellore	3	...	3	20	31	51	...	48
Polur	...	...	...	2	4	6	...	6
Total...	20	23	43	91	90	181	...	138

FEVER.

Talooks.	Present Fusly 1278.			Last Fusly 1277.			Comparison.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
Arcot	25	10	35	14	6	20	15	...
Wandewash	132	108	240	199	56	255	...	15
Vellore	500	384	884	440	372	812	72	...
Polur	...	...	...	27	15	42	...	42
Total...	657	502	1,159	680	449	1,129	87	57
Net...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	...

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Cattle.

10. Cattle disease prevailed in all the talooks and carried off 7,159 head of cattle as particularized below:—

Talooks.	Present Fusly 1278.					Total.	Last Fusly, 1277.	Comparison.	
	Cows.	Bullocks.	She Buffaloes.	He Buffaloes.	Sheep.			Increase.	Decrease.
Arcot	14	276	11	35	...	336	645	...	309
Wandewash ...	121	1,002	140	99	...	1,362	963	399	...
Vellore	1,129	1,235	375	208	1,634	4,581	3,477	1,104	...
Polur	200	323	157	200	...	880	1,255	...	375
Total...	1,464	2,836	683	542	1,634	7,159	6,340	1,503	684
Net...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	819	...

Prices.

11. The prices of paddy, rice, and cumboo were higher, while those of the other grains were lower than last year, as shown below:—

Grains.	Fusly 1278.	Fusly 1277.
Paddy, 1st sort, per garce..................	186	171
Do. 2nd do.	170	159
Rice, 1st sort, do.	413	378
Do. 2nd do.	374	358
Cholum	214	265
Raggy	214	231
Cumboo	300	243
Horse-gram..................	227	248
Varagu	123	207

Ryots' Holdings.

12. The following statement shows the increase and decrease in the ryots' holdings. In spite of the adverse nature of the season there was a net increase of Acres 13,127, assessed at Rupees 18,779-7-9, caused entirely by a strong desire on the part of almost all people to take up land for cultivation. Much more land has been applied for and will be taken up in the next year:—

Items.	Last Fusly.		Present Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACS.	RS. A. P.
Dry...	2,08,027	3,15,073 11 3	2,20,139	3,29,527 10 3	12,112	14,453 15 0	...	...
Wet...	1,08,200	6,47,206 8 9	1,09,215	6,51,532 1 6	1,015	4,325 8 9	...	...
Total.	3,16,227	9,62,280 4 0	3,29,354	9,81,059 11 9	13,127	18,779 7 9	...	...

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Cultivation.

13. The following tabular statement shows the increase and decrease in cultivation for the two Fuslies:—

Items.	Last Fusly.		Present Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACS.	RS. A. P.
Dry ...	1,80,614	2,76,369 1 3	1,87,204	2,84,086 4 3	6,590	7,717 3 0	...	...
Wet ...	89,857	5,47,022 14 2	90,719	5,50,492 7 0	862	3,469 8 10	...	...
Total.	2,70,471	8,23,391 15 5	2,77,923	8,34,578 11 3	7,452	11,186 11 10	...	...

Special Products.

14. Sugar-cane, indigo, and cotton were cultivated to the extent shown below. There is a slight decrease in all these items below last year :—

Fuslies.	Sugar-cane.		Indigo.		Cotton.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.
1277............	576	3,542 2 6	3,521	6,388 2 5	18	21 5 1
1278............	512	3,069 15 1	2,289	4,589 12 11	7	12 15 6
Total...	1,088	6,612 1 7	5,810	10,977 15 4	25	34 4 7

Demand of this as compared with last year.

15. The following is a comparative statement showing the demand of this year with that of the last:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Land Revenue.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Jody on Shrotriem and Inam villages	7,827 2 4	7,827 2 4	....	....
Ryotwar	6,59,350 15 1	6,90,752 10 1	31,401 11 0	....
Miscellaneous	44,308 9 9	44,513 1 6	204 7 9	....
Total...	7,11,486 11 2	7,43,092 13 11	31,606 2 9	....
Abkarry	8,396 6 11	12,296 10 8	3,900 3 9	....
Miscellaneous	....	1 6 6	1 6 6	....
Total...	8,396 6 11	12,298 1 2	3,901 10 3	....
License Tax	2,983 4 0	3,226 9 5	243 5 5	....
Stamps	40,434 9 3	35,820 13 0	....	4,613 12 3
Miscellaneous	258 12 5	165 3 0	....	93 9 5
Total...	40,693 5 8	35,986 0 0	....	4,707 5 3
Grand Total...	7,63,559 11 9	7,94,603 8 6	35,751 2 5	4,707 5 3
Net...	....	....	31,043 12 9	....

The increase in the Land Revenue arose from new occupation of lands. The revenue from Abkarry and License Tax entered in the above statement is not the actual amount of demand under these sources in the Sub-division ; it only represents the amount collected in the Vellore Talook on account of Abkarry and License Tax.

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16. The details of Land Revenue and Miscellaneous are given below:—

Items.	Demand of last Fusly.	Demand of present Fusly. Arrears.	Demand of present Fusly. Current.	Demand of present Fusly. Total.	Collection at the end of the Fusly.	Remission.	Total.	Remainder.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Inam Jody. {Personal	4,792 4 1	5,856 5 11	4,664 7 2	10,520 13 1	3,732 2 11	477 9 0	4,209 11 11	6,311 1 2
Inam Jody. {Service	1,665 7 3	3,684 5 4	1,621 11 6	5,306 0 4	1,429 13 0	104 6 11	1,534 3 11	3,771 12 11
Tax on trees on unassessed lands	8,775 8 4	12,310 8 11	8,643 13 10	20,954 6 9	7,356 12 0	737 8 10	8,094 4 10	12,860 1 11
Assessment of lands not included in the Jummahbundy Settlement	21,145 7 6	20,445 5 0	20,772 8 1	41,217 13 1	17,870 11 6	565 8 6	18,436 4 0	22,781 9 1
Revenue from resumed Inams	12 2 1	23 6 10	14 4 0	37 10 10	12 2 1	......	12 2 1	25 8 9
Do. of Inam lands of Pagodas in which worship is discontinued	0 14 0	0 14 0	0 14 0	1 12 0	0 14 0	......	0 14 0	0 14 0
Do. from Choultry Inams under attachment	58 15 6	69 3 2	36 15 0	106 2 2	13 8 2	......	13 8 2	92 10 0
Rent of topes	879 9 11	772 9 0	785 1 0	1,557 10 0	916 1 5	......	916 1 5	641 8 7
Inam Tuffreeck	4 3 10	4 3 10	6 12 1	11 9 11	4 13 10	......	4 13 10	6 12 1
Revenue from sequestered Inams	470 9 9	3,732 15 4	424 14 3	4,157 13 7	123 13 8	......	123 13 8	4,033 15 11
Emoluments of vacant village offices	226 6 3	820 14 6	126 11 10	947 10 4	39 5 7	211 8 2	250 13 9	696 12 7
Revenue of hill tracts	1,629 3 6	709 2 6	1,881 4 6	2,590 7 0	1,338 4 9	......	1,338 4 9	1,252 2 3
Do. from the slopes of hills cultivated.	553 9 4	554 13 4	543 9 7	1,098 6 11	605 6 7	......	605 6 7	493 0 4
Rent of palmyra trees	921 6 7	1,028 13 10	899 0 0	1,927 13 10	727 7 7	......	727 7 7	1,200 6 3
Tax on fruit trees	116 15 11	120 3 11	135 12 11	256 0 10	97 11 0	......	97 11 0	158 5 10
Money deposited by a purchaser of land in public auction and forfeited	......	......	37 10 9	37 10 9	37 10 9	......	37 10 9	......
Revenue fines	1,022 4 8	......	976 10 1	976 10 1	976 10 1	......	976 10 1	......
Saving and refund	6 1 7	......	12 6 3	12 6 3	12 6 3	......	12 6 3	......
Collection in excess of demand	6 0 0	......	205 14 1	205 14 1	205 14 1	......	205 14 1	......
Water tax Inams, etc.	480 0 1	1,096 9 5	466 5 3	1,062 14 8	318 1 9	......	318 1 9	1,244 12 11
Quit-rent on bungalows and gardens	478 2 5	509 9 1	478 2 5	987 11 6	486 15 9	......	486 15 9	500 11 9
Cavil Cundayem	67 3 2	171 5 4	65 12 7	237 1 11	35 3 13	......	35 4 1	201 13 10
Sale proceeds in excess of demand	33 9 9	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Parabari Merah for Fusly 1274	......	247 15 6	......	247 15 6	......	......	......	247 15 6
Kayem or permanent puttah	381 7 8	684 8 2	381 7 8	1,065 15 10	233 5 9	......	233 5 9	832 10 1

Items.	Demand of last Fusly.	Demand of present Fusly. Arrears.	Demand of present Fusly. Current.	Demand of present Fusly. Total.	Collection at the end of the Fusly.	Remission.	Total.	Remainder.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Shrotriem Jody...........................	......	398 12 3	......	398 12 3	......	398 12 3	398 12 3	......
Income Tax over-collected..................	......	13 11 0	......	13 11 0	......	13 11 0	13 11 0	......
Merah for Fusly 1268	......	111 13 10	......	111 13 10	......	80 0 5	80 0 5	31 13 5
Sale proceeds of land given up by the Railway Company and sold by public auction	456 15 6	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Amount of compensation recovered from certain parties who have occupied lands given up by the Railway Company ...	196 10 0	......	27 4 4	27 4 4	27 4 4	......	27 4 4	......
Amount of embezzlement recovered	......	......	94 5 7	94 5 7	94 5 7	......	94 5 7	......
Sale proceeds of puttahs and cachayets ...	......	......	971 9 8	971 9 8	390 11 3	......	390 11 3	580 14 5
Assessment of lands transferred from Punjah to Nunjah	......	......	222 13 6	222 13 6	......	......	......	222 13 6
Rent of sweepings of bandy-stand in Arnee.......................................	......	......	14 15 7	14 15 7	......	......	......	14 15 7
Total...	44,308 9 9	53,368 12 0	44,513 1 6	97,881 13 6	37,087 9 9	2,589 1 1	39,676 10 10	58,205 2 8
Sale proceeds of arrack seized under the Abkarry Act	......	......	1 6 6	1 6 6	1 6 6	......	1 6 6	......
Miscellaneous.								
Penalty levied under Stamp Act ...	48 0 0	......	0 6 0	0 6 0	0 6 0	......	0 6 0	......
Do. do. received from Civil Court ...	840 2 3	......	803 11 0	803 11 0	803 11 0	......	803 11 0	......
Total...	888 2 3	......	804 1 0	804 1 0	804 1 0	......	804 1 0	......
Grand Total...	45,196 12 0	53,368 12 0	45,318 9 0	98,687 5 0	37,893 1 3	2,589 1 1	40,482 2 4	58,205 2 8

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Demand, Collection, and Balance at the end of the Fusly.

17. The following table shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance at the end of the year. The balance is very heavy, but this is solely attributable to the inability of the ryots to meet the demand for the arrears until they get their first crop in the current Fusly 1279. It will be collected as soon as possible:—

Items.	Current revenue of Fusly 1278.				
	Demand.	Collections within the Fusly.	Balance.	Subsequent collections up to 20th July 1869.	Balance.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Land Revenue.					
Jody on Shrotriem and Inam villages	7,827 2 4	1,567 13 11	6,259 4 5	188 12 3	6,070 8 2
Ryotwar..................................	6,90,752 10 1	3,96,234 3 9	2,94,518 6 4	13,079 15 4	2,81,438 7 0
Miscellaneous	44,513 1 6	6,672 11 0	37,840 6 6	1,493 7 5	36,346 15 1
Total...	7,43,092 13 11	4,04,474 12 8	3,38,618 1 3	14,762 3 0	3,23,855 14 3
Abkarry..	12,296 10 8	12,296 10 8	....	....	....
Miscellaneous....................................	1 6 6	1 6 6	....	....	....
Total...	12,298 1 2	12,298 1 2	....	....	....
License Tax	3,226 9 5	3,226 9 5	....	....	....
Stamps........	35,820 13 0	35,820 13 0	....	....	....
Miscellaneous	165 3 0	165 3 0	....	....	....
	35,986 0 0	35,986 0 0	....	....	....
Grand Total...	7,94,603 8 6	4,55,985 7 3	3,38,618 1 3	14,762 3 0	3,23,855 14 3

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The Demand, Collection, and Balance of old arrears is given below :—

Items.	Balance at the beginning of Fusly 1279.	Collections up to 20th July 1869.	Difference between Columns 2 and 3.	Particulars of net arrears in Column 4. Recoverable. Property distrained.	Recoverable. Coercive measures to be adopted.	Recoverable. Total.	Doubtful.	Irrecoverable. According to the accounts furnished in 1868.	Irrecoverable. According to the accounts furnished in 1869.	Irrecoverable. Total.	Road Fund.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Ryotwar............	64,346 10 3	1,327 2 7	63,019 7 8	19,670 7 3	41,209 13 2	60,880 4 5	128 11 1	791 7 7	1,218 15 7	2,010 7 2	3,020 3 4
Miscellaneous...........	20,365 5 1	86 4 6	20,279 0 7	3,065 7 9	15,753 4 7	18,818 12 4	37 9 0	503 5 8	919 5 7	1,422 11 3	160 0 7
Shrotriem	1,922 15 9	359 8 6	1,563 7 3	....	1,563 7 3	1,563 7 3	....	....	....	....	....
Total ...	86,634 15 1	1,772 15 7	84,861 15 6	22,735 15 0	58,526 9 0	81,262 8 0	166 4 1	1,294 13 3	2,138 5 2	3,433 2 5	3,180 3 1

The details of irrecoverable balances have already been given in the statement which accompanied my letter, No. 310, dated the 7th instant.

Lands transferred from Nunjah to Punjah.

18. In 40 villages 142 Acres of land, formerly classed as Nunjah, were transferred to Punjah, as it was not possible to irrigate them from any Government source. The reduction of assessment caused thereby is as follows :—

Acres.	Former assessment.	Reduced assessment.	Difference.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
142	878 7 8	250 9 11	627 13 9

Topes.

19. No land was taken up this year for the formation of public topes, but 56 Acres of land, assessed at Rupees 110-13-9, were made over to applicants for planting private topes in eleven villages. The tope rules have been explained to the people, and in favorable seasons there is reason to think that land will be applied for under these rules.

Ruined Tanks.

20. Only one application was received this year for the grant of a ruined tank for repair at private cost. After the necessary reference to Department Public Works the tank has been made over to the applicant. The ayacut under the tank, and other particulars, are stated below :—

Number and name of village.	Number of ruined tank.	Number of succeeded Durkhastdar.	Ayacut under ruined tank.		Cultivation in Fusly 1278.		
			Extent.	Class assessment.	Extent.	Class assessment.	Assessment at 2½ Rs. per acre.
			Acres.	RS.			
No. 208. Kollankaranai in Wandewash Talook...	1	1	8	35	......	......	......

Talook and Village accounts.

21. These accounts are stated to have been examined and found to be kept withtolerable correctness.

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Statement of lands acquired by Public Servants.

22. The following statement shows the extent of land acquired by the public servants in the Sub-division:—

Name of Public Servants.	Office and Department.	Zillah and Talook where land is situated.	Land acquired.		When acquired, and whether prior or subsequent to employment in the public service.	By what means acquired.	Nature of interest possessed by such servant in such landed property.
			Extent.	Assessment.			
				RS. A. P.			
Kidambi Kishnier.	Tahsildar of Wandewash Talook.	Arcot Talook in North Arcot.	$\frac{5}{8}$	6 1 6	Subsequent to employment on the 19th August 1868.	By purchase.	Acquired for his own use.
Sholingur Hanumuntha Row.	Goomastah of Polur Talook.	Polur Talook, in North Arcot.	5	6 10 3	Subsequent to employment.	By durkhast.	Do.

Conduct of Public Servants.

23. The conduct of public servants in the Sub-division has, as far as I am aware, been on the whole satisfactory.

VELLORE,
19th August 1869.

(Signed) W. H. COMYN,
Acting Sub-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

SOUTH ARCOT.

I HAVE the honour to submit my Report on the Settlement of this District for Fusly 1278, together with the usual Statements, agreeably to the accompanying list.

2. Statement No. 1 gives the stations at which the Jummahbundy was made, the period occupied in settling each talook, and the name of the officer by whom conducted. The Jummahbundy of each talook was partly settled at the Cusbah and partly at other places. It commenced on the 18th January, and was completed before the 15th May 1869.

2nd.—Variations in the number and tenures of villages, with remarks on the distribution of Puttahs.

3. The variations in the number and tenures of villages are given in the following comparative statement:—

Description of Villages.	Number of villages in Fusly 1277.	Number of villages in Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ryotwar Villages	3,006	3,003	...	3
Shrotriem do.	66	66	...	...
Surva Inam do.	7	7	...	...
Moturpha do.	11	11	...	...
Mootah do.	17	17	...	...
Amany do.	1	4	3	...
Total...	3,108	3,108	3	3

4. The decrease of three villages under the head of Ryotwar was caused by the transfer of an equal number of villages to Amany in the resumed jaghire of Chekady, in the Trinomallay Talook, owing to nunjah cultivation having been carried on this year in these villages.

5. The new forms of puttahs were introduced in this year, as directed in the Board's Proceedings, dated 7th August 1867, No. 5,066.

6. The total number of puttahs issued amounted to 2,72,840.

7. The increase of puttahs is 2,159, owing to cultivation by ryots who held no puttah in the previous year.

Season.

8. The season during the year under review was equally unfavorable as that of the year before. The commencement at first promise well. There had been a general fall of rain throughout the district during the months of May, June, and July, and dry cultivation was commenced and carried on for some time; also to some extent wet lands were cultivated with kar paddy, but there was a subsequent failure of rain and a great proportion of the dry crops either withered or yielded very little, and a larger extent of dry land was left entirely waste.

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9. In the months of August, September, October, and November there were slight and partial showers, and nunjah cultivation was attempted in villages possessed of no certain source of water supply, but which depended wholly on the rain; the greater portion of the wet lands, however, were left untouched on account of the insufficiency of the rain, and owing to subsequent failure the crops sown either withered in whole or in part; some only here and there in more favored localities having yielded partial produce.

10. The principal rivers in the district, such as the Coleroon, Pennar, Guddelum, and Vellar received tolerable freshes, and the wet lands depending upon them were more or less cultivated, but the out-turn was not an average one, and in parts the yield was comparatively poor.

11. The following statement exhibits the rain-fall during each month of the past year, and has been prepared from the periodical returns submitted to the Board of Revenue:—

Months.	1867-68.		1868-69.	
	Inches.	Tenths.	Inches.	Tenths.
April 1868	0	2	0	0
May ,,	2	0	1	1
June ,,	0	1	1	3
July ,,	1	6	2	7
August ,,	4	8	2	8
September ,,	2	9	3	0
Total for 1st half-year...	11	6	10	9
October 1868...	6	4	4	9
November ,,	2	6	3	2
December ,,	0	6	0	7
January 1869...	3	9	0	1
February ,,	0	1	0	2
March... ,,	0	2	0	6
Total for 2nd half-year...	13	8	9	7
Total Rain-fall for the whole year...	25	4	20	6
Decrease...	...	...	4	8

12. Cholera, small-pox, and fever occasionally showed themselves in parts of the district during the year under report, but I am thankful to say the public health on the whole was very good, and there was no serious mortality. The subjoined comparative statement, prepared from the monthly Mortuary Returns sent to the Board, shows the total number of deaths from all causes as far as registered:—

Causes of death.	Population.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Cholera....	...	3,343	74	...	2,289
Small-pox...	...	1,500	1,064	...	436
Fever...	...	2,670	2,504	...	166
Other diseases...	...	9,656	10,372	716	...
Total....	12,61,846	16,169	13,994	716	2,891
Net Decrease...	...	...	...	...	2,175

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13. Cattle suffered a good deal from Vekkai and other diseases, and especially was this the case in the Northern and Western Talooks of the district.

14. The out-turn of wet and dry crops was considerably below the average.

15. The following abstract statement shows the number and results of cases of Vaccination for the years 1867-68 and 1868-69:—

Fuslies.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.	Total.
1277	26,186	3,434	28,620
1278	9,633	1,127	10,760
Decrease........	16,553	1,307	17,860

16. The Superintendent of Vaccination, in a statement which accompanied his letter of the 9th September 1869, states that the above return comprises only the work performed from September to March 1869, and that the operations conducted from April to August were interrupted by visits to the Tanjore District. Hence the large decrease of 17,860 cases below the past year.

IV.—Prices

17. The following abstract statement exhibits the average prices per garce of the principal grains for the past ten years, and the prices for the last two Fuslies:—

Grains.	Average price for 10 years from Fusly 1269 to 1278.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase between columns 2 and 4.	Increase between columns 3 and 4.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Paddy, 1st sort, per garce	167	173	184	17	11
Do. 2nd ,, ,,	152	154	170	18	16
Cholum or Javary	198	206	221	23	15
Cumboo or Bajera	184	208	206	22	...
Raggy	190	212	215	25	3
Horse-gram	234	235	229	...	...
Varagoo	......	143	124	...	...

18. The prices of all grain, except cumboo, horse-gram, and varagoo, were higher in the year under notice than in the year before, the increase ranging from ½ to 10 per cent., owing to the failure of out-turn through the want of sufficient or seasonable rain. A comparison between the average prices of the preceding ten years, with those ruling during the past revenue year, gives an increase in the latter, except as regards horse-gram, of only from 10 to 13 per cent., which is nothing very great.

19. The average price of the second sort paddy is entered in Statement No. 2, together with the average price of three preceding periods of five years each. The average price* for the first five years was Rupees 84, the seasons in those years having been very propitious. The average prices for the second† and third‡ five years were 121 and 149 respectively; while in the following Fusly 1276 the prices rose to 209. In Fusly 1277 they again fell to 154, and in the current Fusly 1278 they rose to 170, owing to the character of the season, as just explained.

* From Fusly 1261 to 1265.

† From Fusly 1266 to 1270.

‡ Do. 1271 to 1275.

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V.—Ryots' holdings.

20. The extent of Ryots' holdings at the commencement of the Fusly year 1278, including the waste remitted, was Acres 11,96,741, assessed with Rupees 30,75,606. Of this Acres 89,907, assessed at Rupees 1,71,631, were relinquished under various causes; the remainder, or Acres 11,07,644, assessed at Rupees 29,03,975, together with Acres 95,299, assessed at Rupees 1,86,310, being lands newly occupied on durkhast, as well as purchased or obtained by transfer, brings up the total holdings at the close of the past year, exclusive of fasul or teerwah jastee, to Acres 12,02,943, assessed at Rupees 30,90,285, representing an increase of Acres 6,202, assessed at Rs. 14,679, as compared with the like returns in the year preceding. Explanation regarding this increase is given in the appropriate place.

	ACRES.	RS.
1277	11,96,741	30,75,606
1278	12,02,943	30,90,285
Increase...	6,202	14,679

21. The following table exhibits the holdings at the beginning of the year, the subsequent alterations, the waste remitted and charged, and the actual cultivation:—

Items.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.
Holdings of the previous year	11,96,741	30,75,606
Deduct land given up, etc	89,097	1,71,631
Remainder.		
Add land taken up, etc	95,299	1,86,310
Total holdings	12,02,943	30,90,285
Waste remitted	39,570	1,52,472
Remainder	11,63,373	29,37,813
Particulars of the above.		
Cultivation	10,70,836	27,69,819
Waste charged	92,537	1,67,994

22. The subjoined statement shows the details of lands given up and newly taken in the Fusly under review:—

Items.	Extent.	Assessment.
Lands given up.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Lands given up by the Ryots in the fixed period	79,819	1,40,631
2. Do. sold or transferred	7,238	25,191
3. Do. which became useless or appropriated for some public purposes.	815	1,933
4. Do. assigned to Devastanums in compensation of the Road cess charged upon Devastanum lands	39	96
5. Do. transferred to Amany from Ryotwar	1,186	3,780
Total......	89,097	1,71,631
Additions.		
1. Lands taken on durkhast	88,032	1,61,039
2. Do. purchased or obtained by transfer	7,267	25,271
Total......	95,299	1,86,310

Of the aggregate amount of Rupees 1,71,631 on Acres 89,097, under the head "Lands given up," a sum of Rupees 1,40,631 on Acres 79,819 is the assessment of land relinquished by ryots within the prescribed period in consequence of the adverse character of the season at its commencement, but a large portion of the land so resigned was again, as usual, cultivated before the actual settlement, hope being inspired by the subsequent rains; also a large extent of land was cultivated

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out of the area relinquished in the preceding years, and which had been left fallow, having been cultivated with varagoo crop, and the extent thus brought under cultivation is included under the head of "Lands newly taken up."

The item "Transfer," under the respective heads of Land given up and taken up, includes dry lands converted into wet and *vice versâ;* also lands purchased by Government at a nominal price when sold for arrears of revenue, and which were not purchased by others.

	Acres.	Assessment. RS.
Total holdings	12,02,943	30,90,285
Cultivation	10,70,836	27,69,819
Waste	1,32,107	3,20,466
Per-centage	11	10

23. A comparison of waste land, and of land cultivated, shows that 11 per cent. of the cultivated extent, and 10 per cent. of the assessment, remained uncultivated.

24. The fluctuations in the cultivation and settlement under the several heads will now be noticed.

25. Instituting a comparison between the results of the settlement of Fusly 1277 and 1278 a net decrease of Rupees 78,880 is found in the latter Fusly, as exhibited in the following abstract statement A. This decrease is due to the larger amount of remissions granted this year consequent on the unfavorable season.

Fuslies.	Dry. Acres.	RS.
1277	8,96,317	15,68,476
1278	9,13,459	15,91,544
Increase...	17,142	23,068

26. The increase in the item of dry cultivation is due to the following causes:—

	Acres.	Assessment. RS.
A.—Increase gained in the extension of cultivation	5,490	7,205
B.—Increase gained by the higher rates of assessment in consequence of the superior produce raised in the resumed Jaghire villages of Sunkarapuram	3	649
Increase gained by the grant of smaller remission on dry Putcut waste lands	13,198	19,519
Total Increase...	18,691	27,373
Deduct—		
A.—Loss consequent on the transfer of dry land to wet and *vice versâ*, as well as loss consequent on lands having been taken up for public purposes	474	835
B.—Loss in consequence of the assignment of land in compensation of the Road cess charged upon Devastanum lands	35	77
C.—Loss consequent on the transfer of three villages to Amany from Ryotwar	1,040	3,393
Total...	1,549	4,305
Net Increase...	17,142	23,068

Fuslies.	Nunjah. Acres.	RS.
1277	2,59,857	13,94,191
1278	2,49,914	13,46,268
Decrease...	9,943	47,923

27. Under this head there is a falling off in the assessment of Rupees 47,923, or acres 9,943 as compared with the Fusly 1277. This is due to the causes hereunder explained; the reasons classified in the preceding paragraph.

		RS.
Loss by A	340	1,853
Do. by B	4	18
Do. by C	146	387
Do. by larger remissions than the past year	12,201	59,052
Total...	12,691	61,310
Deduct—		
Increase by A	2,723	13,203
Do. by B	25	184
Total...	2,748	13,387
Net Decrease...	9,943	47,923

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A.

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	5,96,317	15,68,476	9,13,459	15,91,544	17,142	23,068	......	......
Wet	2,59,857	13,94 191	2,49,914	13,46,268	......	......	9,943	47,923
Total...	11,56,174	29.62,667	11,63,373	29,37,812	Net. 7,199	......	......	Net. 24,855
Add								
Second crop Assessment	....	38,456	....	30,596	......	......	......	7,860
Additional do.	....	1,25,599	....	1,23,968	......	......	......	1,631
Road Fund	....	83, 863	....	81,760	......	......	......	2,103
Village Service Fund	....	1,309	....	1,216	......	......	......	93
Total...	....	32,11,894	....	31,75,352	......	......	......	36,542
Deduct Remission.								
Road Fund	....	84,280	....	82,144	......	......	......	2,136
Village Service Fund	....	1,309	....	1,215	......	......	......	94
Other remissions as particularized in account No. 4	....	6,21,706	....	6,62,195	......	40,489	......	......
Total...	....	7,07,295	....	7,45,554	......	Net. 38,259	......	......
Remaining beriz	....	25,04,599	....	24,29,798	......	......	......	74,801
Add								
Miscellaneous items	....	68,868	....	64,789	......	......	......	4,079
Total...	....	25,73,467	....	24,94,587	......	......	......	78,880

28. The extent of nunjah ayacut and cultivation under the principal sources of irrigation, with the assessment, as well as fasul jastee and teerwah jastee derived therefrom, are given in the abstract appended below:—

No.	Items.	Nunjah Ayacut.		Cultivation in Fusly 1278.				
		Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Total.
		ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.
1	Lower Anicut, Coleroon	74,617	4,08,858	71,704	3,85,398	7,442	18,539	4,11,379
2	Vellar do.	19,134	96,241	17,087	82,998	274	28,244	1,11,516
3	Pennar do.	30,285	1,83,350	24,328	1,45,133	6,701	8,574	1,60,408
4	Guddelum do. at Trivady	4,299	29,918	4,051	27,711	1,840	2,188	31,739
5	Ragavien Channel in Pennar.	6,461	33,347	6,121	32,271	966	5,186	38,423
6	Vikravandy Anicut	1,352	5,256	832	3,409	74	1,405	4,888
7	Trivandipoorum do. in Guddelum	1,288	18,082	932	12,627	......	328	12,955
8	Vanamadevy do. do.	449	5,556	449	5,556	......	144	5,700
	Total...	......	......	1,25,504	6,95,103	17,297	64,608	7,77,008

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29. The area cultivated in Fusly 1277 under the influence of these sources of irrigation was Acres 1,23,651, or Rupees 7,63,542; while in Fusly 1278 it was Acres 1,25,504, or Rs. 7,77,008, exhibiting an increase of Rupees 13,466, or Acres 1,853, attributable to increased cultivation under river and channel irrigation.

30. No ruined tanks have been made over to private individuals during the Fusly under review.

2nd Crop Cultivation.

Fuslies.	RS.
1277	38,456
1278	30,596
Decrease...	7,860

31. The revenue derived from this item during the year amounts to Rupees 30,596, exhibiting a net decrease of Rupees 7,860, as shown below:—

	RS.
Decrease in the second crop cultivation in the Hooloos villages was consequent on the failure of sufficient rain to raise a second crop on lands dependant on rain-fed tanks	8,067
Deduct—	
Increase gained under this head by increased cultivation of second crop on lands irrigated by the Coleroon river	207
Net Decrease...	7,860

32. Of the total revenue derived from the second crop cultivation, the charge for second crop on registered double and doubtful double crop land amounted to Rupees 19,525, and a sum of Rupees 3,629 was realized from raising a second crop on single crop land to the prejudice of the registered double crop cultivation; also a sum of Rupees 7,442 was levied on second crop cultivation in the talook of Chellumbrum.

Additional Assessment.

Fuslies.	RS.
1277	1,25,599
1278	1,23,968
Decrease...	1,631

33. In this item of revenue there is a net decrease of Rupees 1,631 below Fusly 1277, owing chiefly to the want of seasonable rains.

Actual Cultivation.

Fuslies.	Acres.	Assessment RS.
1277	10,97,016	28,50,497
1278	10,70,836	27,69,818
Decrease...	26,180	80,679

34. The actual cultivation for the year under reference amounted to Acres 10,70,836, assessed at Rupees 27,69,818, showing a decrease of Rupees 80,679.

35. Of this one-fourth is in poonjah, and the remaining three-fourths in nunjah, depending upon rain-fed tanks. The chief cause for this deficiency in the cultivation was, as already explained, the failure of seasonable rains.

Road Fund.

Fuslies.	RS.
1277	84,280
1278	82,144
Decrease...	2,136

36. In this item there has been a decrease of Rupees 2,136 below Fusly 1277, consequent on larger remissions having been granted in this year.

37. Of the entire amount, Rupees 95,649, collected under this item Rupees 82,144 was levied on Ryotwar villages, and Rupees 13,505 on Surva Maniem, Shrotriem, Mootah, and Inam lands, and on items of revenue under Land Revenue, Miscellaneous.

Merah to Village Servants.

Fuslies.	RS.
1277	1,309
1278	1,215
Decrease...	94

38. The cess at the rate of one Anna per Rupee, under the provisions of Act IV. of 1864, was only levied on the three villages transferred from Odayarpolliem Talook of the Trichinopoly District. This amounted to Rs. 1,215, exhibiting a decrease of Rupees 94 below the past Fusly, accounted for by a proportionate diminution in the beriz of the said villages by remission

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Particulars of Remission,—Statement No. 4.

39. The subjoined abstract exhibits the total waste, the remissions granted, and the waste charged, as well as remissions granted on other grounds:—

Items.	Total waste.		Remissions granted.		Waste charged.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	99,403	1,61,942	12,248	18,821	87,155	1,43,121
Wet	32,704	1,58,524	27,322	1,33,651	5,382	24,873
	1,32,107	3,20,466	39,570	1,52,472	92,537	1,67,994
Nunjah Shavy, full remission.	....	....	....	1,58,637	....	....
Partial remission for dry crops withered.	....	....	....	60,798	....	....
Partial remission for Nunjah short produce.	....	....	....	32,617	....	....
Partial remission for dry short produce.	....	....	....	1,89,306	....	....
Kusser	....	....	....	15,691	....	....
Fasul Jastee	....	....	....	1,535	....	....
Total...	....	....	....	6,11,056	....	....

40. In consequence of the exceptionally unfavorable character of the past season now under report the ordinary rules laid down for the grant of remissions in the Standing Order, No. 137, were generally relaxed during the settlement throughout the district, as recommended by me and approved by the Board— *Vide* Proceedings, No. 1,596, dated 9th March 1869.

41. Under Rule 2 of the Standing Order above quoted remissions in full were granted as usual on wet lands left waste, and on wet crops totally lost owing to deficiency of water, and arising from no neglect of the ryots. Such loss was considerable in every talook in the past year. The amount so remi tted is Rupees 2,93,288; on putcut waste Rupees 1,33,651, and on crops withered Rupees 1,58,637. But besides these two grounds of remission, which are provided for under the rules, there was a heavy loss by the partial failure of crops throughout the district more or less; Tindevanum, Trikalore, and Kullakoorchy suffering less than other talooks, and occasioned wholly by deficiency of water-supply, and in no way attributable to neglect by the land-owners. In all cases of the kind remissions were likewise granted, agreeably to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 9th March 1869, No. 1,596, in various proportions of one-third, half, and two-thirds to the actual loss ascertained. It will be seen that the total of the partial remissions on wet crops amounted to Rupees 32,617, exhibiting a decrease of Rupees 54,542 below the Fusly 1277, a result which must be accepted as satisfactory when it is remembered that the past was the second bad year in succession.

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Decrease.
Kusser	19,904	15,691	4,213
Fasul Jastee	2,453	1,535	918
Total	22,357	17,226	5,131

42. A very similar course was adopted in respect to the treatment of kusser or extra water cess, as well as with second crop. The amount remitted under these two heads during the year under review is given in the margin.

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43. As prescribed in paragraph 7 of the Standing Order, No. 137, application was made to the Board of Revenue for remitting the assessment on poonjah or unirrigated land. In their Proceedings, dated 9th March 1869, No. 1,596, the Board were pleased to sanction a remission for poonjah waste shavy and partial failure of crops.

44. The amount so remitted in the year under report is Rupees 2,68,925, and the relief thus afforded to the ryots was, I may say, essential to their very existence in reference to what may be rightly designated, as regards poonjah ryots, the calamitous character of two successive seasons. The rates given were one-third, half, two-thirds, and three-fourths of the loss as in the preceding year.

45. The particulars of remissions from the gross demand are exhibited in Statement No. 4. The following abstract shows the entire amount of remissions under three heads, "Occasional," "Fixed," and "Items allowed on the collection or from the entire beriz of villages." The aggregate amount remitted under these three heads was Rupees 6,62,195, or a net increase of Rupees 40,489 over the previous Fusly:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Occasional	4,24,199	4,58,585	34,386	...
2. Fixed	9,947	9,942	...	5
3. Items of remission allowed on the collection or from the entire beriz of villages	1,87,560	1,93,668	6,108	...
Total.. ...	6,21,706	6,62,195	Net 40,489	...

46. The increase of Rupees 34,386 under the head "Occasional" was owing to the larger extent of remissions granted in the year under report on dry and wet crops, including withered and palanustum or loss of produce, as well as also on kusser and fasul jastee.

47. The second item calls for no remark, the decrease in that item being only Rupees 5.

48. Under the third item the increase of Rupees 6,108 is owing to the inclusion of the amount of salary of the Taliaries due for the second half-year of Fusly 1278, under the Circular Memorandum of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1869, No. 238. The Taliaries were formerly paid from the sanctioned Budget fund. The sum so brought to this head from the beriz amounts to Rupees 10,060, but deducting Rupees 3,952, which is a decrease below the past year in the salary of Curnums and Monigars consequent on the fall of beriz on account of remissions, the net increase under this head is Rupees 6,108, as mentioned above.

Miscellaneous Items.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	68,868
Do. 1278	64,789
Decrease	4,079

49. There is a decrease of Rupees 4,079 under this item as compared with the past Fusly, owing chiefly to the transfer of Rupees 1,500 from Jody on personal Inams or Cuttoobady to Village Service Fund, on account of the salary of Taliaries, and also to a less quantity of land having been cultivated in this year in the heading "Land cultivated but not included in Jummahbundy."

Amany.—Statement A.

Fuslies.	RS.
1277	220
1278	1,634
Increase	1,414

50. The increase of Rs 1,414 in this item is consequent on the transfer of three villages from Ryotwar to Amany in the resumed Chekady Jaghire.

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51. The following abstract exhibits the extent and assessment of lands cultivated with sugar-cane, cotton, and indigo:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Sugar-cane...	2,044	11,975	1,939	11,620	...	...	105	355
2. Cotton.........	40,842	44,989	40,151	43,064	...	...	691	1,925
3. Indigo.........	41,539	85,781	34,692	68,553	...	...	6,847	17,228
Total...	84,425	1,42,745	76,782	1,23,237	...	...	7,643	19,508

52. The slight decrease in these several products* is attributable wholly to the season, and that in the cultivation of indigo particularly to the want of seasonable rain in the months of December, January, and February.

* Sugar-cane. Cotton.

53. In the statement submitted last year the cultivation of cotton was entered as Acres 18,726, assessed at Rupees 42,644; but this was subsequently found to be a mistake, and the figures of area, cultivation, and assessment, now given in the foregoing statement for Fusly 1277, are correct.

54. The following abstract shows the extent of land cultivated with ground-nut and gingelly oil seed, as well as the assessment upon each:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Gingelly seed..	27,509	46,100	25,210	43,006	...	...	2,299	3,094
2. Ground-nut ...	10,394	20,605	10,687	21,893	293	1,288	...	...
Total...	37,903	66,705	35,897	64,899	293	1,288	2,299	3,094

55. The decrease in the cultivation of gingelly seed in the talooks of Tindevanum, Trinomallay, and Trikalore is owing to the want of rain in the months of December, January, and February, and the slightly increased cultivation of ground-nut is due to the rains in July and August, which fell very seasonably for the maturing of that product.

56. The subjoined statement exhibits the general result of the Land Revenue settlement for the preceding and past Fuslies, including Miscellaneous items. The total amount for Fusly 1278 is Rupees 25,24,914-8-0, resulting in a net decrease of Rupees 78,879-11-9 due, as already explained, to the increased remissions called for by the generally unpropitious char acter of the season for the second year in succession:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Permanently settled...	8,636	4	1	8,636	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Jody on Shrotriem, etc., villages.........	21,691	7	1	21,691	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Ryotwar	25,04,598	11	10	24,29,798	0	0	...	...	...	74,800	11	10
4. Miscellaneous	68,867	12	9	64,788	12	10	...	...	...	4,078	15	11
Total...	26,03,794	3	9	25,24,914	8	0	...	...	...	78,879	11	9

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III.—Ryotwar.

57. The decrease under this head simply arises from the larger remissions granted.

IV.—Miscellaneous.

58. The decrease here has been explained, and is owing to the transfer of Kuttoobady Inam quit-rent to the Taliary Service Fund, and to less cultivation under the heading "Land cultivated but not included in Jummahbundy."

59. The total results of the year, both Land Revenue and Miscellaneous, are exhibited in the following comparative statement. The settlement beriz of Fusly 1278 is Rs. 36,75,579-14-10, or a net decrease of Rupees 70,032-0-10, as compared with the year before:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1. Land Revenue, inclusive of Miscellaneous.	26,03,794 3 9	25,24,914 8 0	....	78,879 11 9
2. Abkarry do......	2,70,396 8 7	2,16,581 12 4	....	53,814 12 3
3. Salt do......	6,11,169 3 3	6,64,171 12 1	53,002 8 10	....
4. Sea Customs do......	64,652 12 0	43,321 1 10	....	21,331 10 2
5. Land Customs do......	61,060 4 1	92,807 15 4	31,747 11 3	....
6. Stamps do......	1,21,153 11 0	1,25,340 6 9	4,186 11 9	....
7. License Tax	13,385 5 0	7,855 9 6	....	5,529 11 6
8. Income Tax	....	586 13 0	586 13 0	....
Total......	37,45,611 15 8	36,75,579 14 10	89,523 12 10	1,59,555 13 8
Net Decrease......	....	....	....	70,032 0 10

60. The variations in the collections of current demand and of arrears on all sources of revenue, as compared with the preceding Fusly, will be briefly noticed. A comparative abstract of collections is subjoined according to Form B.

B.

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Permanently settled	836	6,827	7,663	1,769	4,508	6,277	......	1,386
2. Jody and Shrotriem, etc., villages.	5,155	12,623	17,778	9,417	12,106	21,523	3,745	......
3. Ryotwar	43,407	23,21,667	23,65,074	1,71,198	18,51,300	20,22,498	......	3,42,576
4. Miscellaneous Items	14,646	27,640	42,286	37,769	28,062	65,831	23,545	......
	64,044	23,68,757	24,32,801	2,20,153	18,95,976	21,16,129	27,290	3,43,962
Abkarry	59,578	2,25,736	2,85,314	1,180	2,08,406	2,09,586	......	75,728
Salt	......	6,11,169	6,11,169	......	6,64,172	6,64,172	53,003	......
Sea Customs ...	......	64,653	64,653	......	43,321	43,321	......	21,332
Land Customs ...	......	61,060	61,060	......	92,808	92,808	31,748	......
Stamps...........	......	1,21,154	1,21,154	......	1,25,340	1,25,340	4,186	......
License Tax......	......	13,385	13,385	......	7,855	7,855	......	5,530
Income Tax......	......	......	......	......	587	587	587	......
Total...	1,23,622	34,65,914	35,89,536	2,21,333	30,38,465	32,59,798	1,16,814	4,46,552
Net Decrease.	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	3,29,738

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1. Permanently settled.

61. The decrease in the collection under this head is owing to the non-payment by Mootahdars of the current year's demand within the Fusly year consequent on the adversity of the season. A large proportion of this has been since collected.

3. Ryotwar.

62. The decrease under this head is to be attributed partly to the remissions and partly to the impoverished circumstances of the ryots consequent on a second bad year in succession, but of this a large amount has since been collected.

2. Shrotriem.
4. Miscellaneous.

63. The increase in the second and fourth items, as noted marginally, is owing to the collection of large arrears which were outstanding at the beginning of Fusly 1278.

Abkarry.

64. The decrease of Rs. 75,728 is owing, first, to the small amount of arrears outstanding at the beginning of Fusly 1278; and, secondly, to the reduction of Rupees 54,000 in the rent.

Salt.

65. The increase of Rupees 53,003 under this head is explained below:—

1*st.*—Increase of sales, Rupees 28,176.

2*nd.*—The selling the salt at Rupees 24,827, the fixed rate, while in the previous year the price of 99,308 Maunds of salt manufactured in the pans, called Cooppum, was reduced to 4 Annas per maund in view to speedy sales, it having been determined to abandon the said locality as a place of manufacture.

66. The following comparative statement shows the sales at all the salt pans in the district during the year under report:—

Places.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Merkanum	4,27,091	4,63,647	36,556	....
2. Killay	68,604	49,487	....	19,117
3. Goondalum	1,13,000	1,48,488	35,488	....
	6,08,695	6,61,622	72,044	19,117
Miscellaneous......	2,474	2,550	76	....
Total...	6,11,169	6,64,172	72,120	19,117
Net Increase...	....	....	53,003	....

67. The decrease in Killay pans was occasioned by the want of salt in store, while the large increase at the other pans was owing in part to the quantity in store, in part to increased consumption, and lastly to the absence of any reduction in the price of any of the salt sold, and which had been exceptionally permitted.

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68. The quantity for Home and Inland consumption, and that supplied to the French Government, as well as exported to other places by sea, will be found in the following abstract statement:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	MDS.	MDS.	MDS.	MDS.
1. Home consumption	2,08,660	2,47,249	38,589	....
2. Inland do.	1,63,393	1,42,183	....	21,210
3. Exportation by sea	9,060	....	....	9,060
4. Supply to French Government	40,889	41,170	281	....
Total...	4,22,002	4,30,602	38,870	30,270
Net Increase...	....	....	8,600	....

69. The increase in the first head is accounted for by a larger Home consumption. The decrease in the second item is consequent on less demand for the inland trade, and the deficiency under the third head is attributable to the prohibition to sell for exportation, as explained in my separate letter, No. 239, of the 22nd instant. The trifling increase under the head French Government calls for no particular remark, the demand always fluctuating somewhat.

70. The Statement No. 11 gives 21,535 Maunds, valued at Rupees 4,096-8-0, as the wastage. This amount equals about 5 per cent. on the sales, and I solicit sanction to write it off in the accounts.

71. The total quantity of salt in store on the 1st July 1869 is 3,47,721 Maunds, the quantity measured up to 20th October 1869 out of the total quantity manufactured according to dittum was Maunds 5,20,148, and the quantity remaining for measurement was estimated at Maunds 72,968½.

Stock on hand on the 1st July 1868		3,40,353
Manufactured during Fusly 1278		4,59,505
Total......		7,99,858
Deduct—		
Quantity sold in Fusly 1278	4,30,602	
Wastage	21,535	
		4,52,137
Net quantity remaining in Store on the 1st July 1869, including 24,165 Maunds supplied to French Government		3,47,721

Sea Customs.

72. The decrease of Rupees 21,332 in this item is attributed chiefly to the less exportation of paddy, rice, indigo, and hides tanned, as well as to the less importation of nuts.

Land Customs.

73. The increase of Rupees 31,748 in this item of revenue is owing to the larger exportation of indigo, indigo leaves, gingelly seed, oil, cloth, as well as to the larger imports in indigo, liquor, and cocoanut, and also to increased exertion and vigilance on the part of the Executive in the prevention of smuggling.

Stamps.

74. The revenue from stamps exhibits an increase of Rupees 4,186, attributable to increased sales over the previous year.

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License Tax.

75. This item exhibits a decrease of Rupees 5,530, attributable mainly to the change introduced by the Certificate Act IX. of 1868, by which incomes under Rupees 500 are exempted from tax.

Income Tax.

76. This tax was substituted only in April by Act IX. of 1869 for the late Certificate or License Tax, and the collection during the three months of the Fusly year, or April, May, and June, amounted to Rupees 587 only.

Demand, Collection, and Balance of all Sources of Revenue.—Statement No. 7.

77. Out of the entire demand of Rupees 36,75,579-14-10 Rupees 30,38,466-5-5 were collected within the Fusly year, leaving a balance of Rupees 6,37,113 9-5, which was further reduced to Rupees 1,15,463-8-6 within the 30th of September 1869, a result which, I submit, is very creditable to the collecting officers when the character of the season is taken into account.

78. The above balance of Rupees 1,15,468-8-6 is standing only in the item of Land Revenue, and the needful measures are in progress for the realization of these arrears.

Demand, Collection, and Balance of Arrears.

79. The arrears on the 1st July 1868 amounted to Rupees 3,21,576-11-9, of which Rupees 2,21,334-3-1 was collected within the revenue year just closed. Including a sum of Rupees 59,434-11-5, which had been sanctioned to be written off, there remained only Rupees 40,807-13-3 on the 1st July 1869, and since that date Rupees 2,433-3-5 has been collected, leaving a net balance on the 1st October 1869 of Rupees 38,374-9-10.

80. The Statement No. 8 exhibits the details of the accumulated arrears, embracing a period of six years, or from Fusly 1272 to 1277.

81. Of these outstanding arrears, amounting to Rupees 40,807-13-3 on the 1st July 1869, Rupees 35,324-0-3 are reported to be recoverable, and a sum of Rupees 5,483-13-0 to be irrecoverable, in consequence of desertions, deaths, and poverty of the defaulters, as well as other special causes. In the subjoined abstract the Fuslywar particulars of the latter are given:—

Fuslies.	Revenue. RS.	A.	P.
1272	106	2	4
1273	252	6	7
1274	19	3	9
1275	81	12	6
1276	146	8	4
1277	4,877	11	6
Total...	5,483	13	0

and I desire sanction to write off the above sum of Rupees 5,483-13-0 in the accounts. I beg to offer a few remarks in explanation.

	RS.	A.	P.
Mandagapet Mootah in Cuddalore Talook.........	37	7	5
Keenanoor shrotriem in Virdachellum Talook...	12	6	7
For Fusly 1277......	49	14	0

82. The collection of the amount, Rupees 49-14-0, from the peshcush and jody of the villages noted in the margin is suspended in compensation for lands taken up by public roads and irrigation channels respectively.

83. In paragraphs 84, 85, and 86 of my Settlement Report for Fusly 1277, I entered into some detail on these subjects, and asked for sanction for a permanent reduction of the above sum of Rupees 37-7-5 and 12-6-7 from the peshcush and jody respectively, but I have received no orders, which I now again solicit in order to avoid the repetition of this item in my future Annual Reports.

Taliaries.

84. Rupees 2,346-10-2 is the assessment for Fusly 1277 of rent-free land assigned for the pay of Taliaries of the late Chellumbrum and Manargoody Talooks, and its collection has been in abeyance for several years under orders of the late Collector.

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85. As stated in paragraph 87 of my last Settlement Report the proposed revised statements for the salary of these Village Officers are not yet completed. I will endeavor to submit them for sanction at an early date.

From Fusly 1275 to 1277.

86. Rupees 192-7-1 is the assessment of certain lands, the village to which they belong being in dispute, and the teerwah of which has been brought to account in both villages by the Curnums. The question of boundary will be settled in due course; meanwhile the assessment in one village having been levied this sum of Rupees 192-7-1 is a double charge on the same land, and is to be remitted.

87. Rupees 2,056-6-0 is the amount which has been improperly charged or brought to account. About half of this amount, or Rupees 1,080, is the tax charged irregularly upon young and unproductive trees in the Sub-division in Fusly 1277; while the other sum is comprised of different small items, the chief being double charge on certain lands. All these charges were since ascertained to be improper, and the suspension of their collection was ordered by Divisional Officers.

88. Rupees 839-7-9 is reported to be irrecoverable owing to deaths, desertions, and poverty of the defaulting ryots, as ascertained during the course of the settlement, and I therefore recommend that the amount may be remitted. The total sum irrecoverable from the various causes as above explained, and which it is now sought to strike off, amounts to Rupees 5,483-13-0, as above stated.

89. The extent of coercive measures resorted to for the collection of revenue is shown in the subjoined table.

Description of property.	Value of property attached.	Value of property actually sold.
	RS.	RS.
Fusly 1277.—Personal property	8,266	120
Real do.	8,535	8,018
Total...	16,801	8,138
Fusly 1278.—Personal property	13,326	863
Real do.	6,352	4,244
Total...	19,678	5,107

The attachment and sale of real property although somewhat more than in the previous Fusly, yet that of real property is very low. These coercive measures have mainly taken place in Chellumbrum, Villapuram and Tindevanum Talooks, consequent on failure of the ryots to pay their kist. I am not of opinion that there has been a single instance of real oppression arising out of the enforcement of the Government dues.

Standing Order No. 277-2

90. The fees realised from revenue defaulters for the service of process, etc, under Madras Act II. of 1864, amounts to Rupees 8,400-6-8 during the past Fusly, and Rs. 7,835-7-2 were paid up to the end of Fusly to persons who served the processes. The balance of Rupees 564-15-6 will be paid to the respective individuals on their appearance. A large proportion, or Rs. 224-5-5, is reported to have been since distributed.

Statement No. 9.

91. The gross collections amounted to Rupees 32,59,800-8-6, while the disbursements were Rupees 3,21,023-0-2, leaving a surplus of Rupees 29,38,777-8-4; the percentage of charges in this year has been ten per cent.

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92. The various items of charges, showing increase and decrease under each head, are given in the following table. Many of these necessarily fluctuate and call for no remark. Some of the more important items of charges I will proceed to explain:—

No.	Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	Land Revenue.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1	Refund of Revenue	135 6 7	2,735 15 3	2,600 8 8	... ...
2	Salary of the Collectors, etc.	93,482 10 4	73,352 2 3	... ...	20,130 8 1
3	Tent allowance and house-rent..........................	4,844 11 9	4,968 4 5	123 8 8	... ...
4	Huzoor and Talook Establishments	1,14,137 10 2	1,17,005 8 7	2,867 14 5	... ...
5	Saderward........................	2,379 9 6	2,114 8 11	... ...	265 0 7
6	Medical charges	1,083 1 3	1,999 15 8	916 14 5	... ...
7	Contingencies	10,594 3 1	13,160 11 10	2,566 8 9	... ...
	Abkarry.				
8	Contingencies	113 8 0	473 0 0	359 8 0	... ...
	Sea Customs.				
9	Salary of Establishment ...	3,027 0 0	3,042 13 2	15 13 2	... ...
10	Saderward.....................	50 6 6	46 11 10	... ...	3 10 8
11	Contingencies	... ...	16 7 6	16 7 6	... ...
12	Drawback......................	19,127 4 7	13,426 7 8	... ...	5,700 12 11
	Land Customs.				
13	Establishment	3,997 9 9	3,998 0 0	0 6 3	... ...
14	Saderward.....................	152 7 0	149 12 0	... ...	2 11 0
15	Contingencies	28 13 0	172 11 6	143 14 6	... ...
	Salt.				
16	Salary of the Deputy Collector	3,000 0 0	3,000 0 0	... ...	... ...
17	Establishment	11,143 14 0	11,084 15 4	... ...	58 14 8
18	Saderward.....................	105 1 3	113 11 2	8 9 11	... ...
19	Travelling allowance and batta	766 11 0	773 0 0	6 5 0	... ...
20	Manufacturer's share	35,814 2 9	46,820 0 7	11,005 13 10	... ...
21	Charges for conveying and storing salt..................	4,493 1 5	4,718 12 7	222 11 2	... ...
22	Export and Import charges.	7,805 12 0	6,193 11 3	... ...	1,612 0 9
23	Contingencies	386 11 3	77 11 4	... ...	308 15 11
	Stamps.				
24	Commission to Stamp Vendors	4,162 3 2	4,244 15 10	82 12 8	... ...
25	Contingencies	54 8 6	52 3 6	... ...	2 4 10
26	Refund of Stamp duty... ...	1,099 4 0	2,428 1 0	1,328 13 0	... ...
27	Do. of License Tax......	4,343 8 0	2,222 11 0	... ...	2,120 13 0
	Total...	3,26,329 2 8	3,18,393 0 2	... ...	Net. 7,936 2 6

1. Refund.

93. The increase of Rupees, 2,600-8-8 under this head is consequent on repayment of Rupees 2,487-2-4 to two individuals as per orders of Government and Board, dated 12th December 1868 and 17th June, respectively. The remaining amount has been refunded to different individuals by me under the Standing Order of the Board, No. 33 of 1868, for sums erroneously credited to Government, as well as to informants of embezzlement of land, etc., agreeably to the occasional orders of the Board of Revenue, as applied for in such cases.

2. Salary of Collectors, etc.

94. The decrease here of Rs. 20,130-8-1 is accounted for; Mr. Cadell, the late Acting Judge, having drawn only three months' salary as Collector of South Canara in my Treasury in the Fusly under review, while in the preceding year he had drawn the full year's salary.

4. Huzoor and Talook Establishments.

95. The increase in this item of Rupees 2,867-14-5 is mainly owing to the disbursement of Rupees 2,320-7-8 to Mr. Dique, the late Tahsildar of Cuddalore, and to a Goomastah, being the balance of full salary undrawn by these servants for the time they were under suspension—*Vide* Government Orders, dated 13th May 1869, No. 1,341, and 5th August 1869, No. 2,271.

8. Contingencies.

96. The increase of Rupees 2,566-8-9 shown under this heading is accounted for in several ways:—1st, the increased rate of travelling allowance to Covenanted Officers; 2nd, the longer continuance on circuit of the Divisional Officers; 3rd, increased payments of batta to the establishments accompanying Divisional Officers on circuit, and for cost of conveying records, etc.; and, lastly, the payment of batta to Talook officials, as per Order of Government, dated 2nd February 1869, No. 276.

12. Drawback.

97. The decrease of Rupees 5,700-12-11 in this item is due partly to the less exportation of piece goods, etc., to Pondicherry, and partly to the discontinuance of the drawback system during a portion of the year, as per orders of Government.

20. Manufacturer's share.

98. The increase of Rupees 11,005 is consequent on the larger manufacture of salt in the past as compared with the previous year.

22 Export and Import charges.

99. The decrease of Rupees 1,612 is owing to the non-exportation of salt by sea in the year under notice.

26. Refund of Stamp duty.

100. The increase of Rupees 1,328-13-0 in this item of revenue is owing to larger payment agreeably to Court certificates.

27. Refund of License Tax.

101. The increase of Rupees 2,120-13-0 is owing simply to the grant of refunds on appeal, and to refunds in cases improperly or over-taxed.

Working of the Village, Talook, and Huzoor Manuals.

102. These accounts have been generally found correct, and are kept agreeably to the prescribed forms, except in a few instances. The necessary orders have been given to the officers concerned.

Register of lands acquired by public servants.

103. The usual register, in accordance with the Board's Circular Order, dated 13th October 1863, No. 6,843, is kept in my office, and all public servants have been duly warned to furnish a statement of land acquired by them; but during the Fusly under report lands so acquired amount to only 37·18 Acres, assessed at Rupees 143-4-4, as particularized by the Sub-Collector in his report accompanying.

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104. *Pro formâ* I suppose I am called upon to say something of the various officers associated with me in the administration of the district. All I have to report is in the main favorable. My late efficient Sub-Collector, Mr. Hathaway, has been replaced by Mr. Roberts. Mr. Lister continues my Head Assistant, and I have nothing to alter in the testimony borne in my last year's Report on this officer's qualifications. I have to speak equally well of Mr. Gribble, whose labors have been principally directed to improvements and reform in the detailed administration of the land customs, and he has ably discharged this duty, and to his personal zeal and energy of management much of the favorable results (financially) of this branch of the revenue for the year under review may with truth be attributed.

105. I will add nothing to all I have written in previous years of Vardah Charry, my Treasury Deputy Collector. Sree Baliah, Deputy Collector in charge of a division of the district, is an officer of considerable ability, and I feel myself fortunate in having under me a Deputy Collector of his qualifications and attainments.

106. I would again ask attention to paragraph 107 of my last year's report regarding the service of old and incompetent Tahsildars. One of the two officers of this grade ascertained by me has since applied for a pension, but the other I fear must drag on for some years to come, either until he has served thirty years, or until he is qualified by sickness for a pension, whichever event may first happen.

107. Of the ministerial servants of my office I regret to notice the displeasure and cloud under which my Head Sheristadar is at present placed. He was suspended on the 5th instant for supposed fraudulent conduct in connection with the settlement, and I fear from all that has transpired, with little prospect of reinstatement, if he escape a criminal prosecution, but the inquiry has not yet closed, and therefore it would be premature to add more on the subject, as it will be separately reported on in due course. In Kistniah's place I have nominated for the time Vencata Soobiah, Tahsildar of Cuddalore, whom I selected to succeed as Sheristadar from the very high character he has always borne for integrity and efficiency. He certainly ranks the first amongst the Tahsildars of this district, and the able and energetic manner in which he had invariably discharged the onerous and complex duties of the head of several talooks will, I am sanguine, fully attest the propriety and wisdom of my choice, although as yet I have had very little experience personally of this officer. With the exception of the Sheristadar I may repeat the testimony I recorded last year on the general efficiency and ability with which the rest of the ministerial servants of my office performed their allotted duties.

108. The report of my Sub-Collector on the settlement of his talooks accompanies this. There is nothing in it requiring particular notice or remark.

CUDDALORE, (Signed) C. W. READE,
30th October 1869. Collector.

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to submit eight Statements and Enclosures in Nos. 3, 7, and 8, connected with the Revenue Settlement of Fusly 1278, in the forms prescribed by the Board of Revenue in their Circular Memorandum, No. 787, of the 14th August 1866.

Virdachellum.
Tittagudi.
Manargudi.
Ammapettai.
Porto-Novo.

2. The settlement was conducted by my predecessor Mr. Hathaway at the stations noted in the margin, as shown in column 8 of Statement No. 1, and it occupied one month and twenty-five days, commencing from 18 th January 1869, as entered in column 9.

Distribution of Puttahs.

3. As shown in column 7 of the Statement No. 1 the total number of puttahs distributed in this year amounted to 69,718, which is less than those distributed in the last Fusly by 4,506. This decrease is attributable partly to the addition of miscellaneous items in the permanent puttahs instead of issuing separate ones, as was the case hitherto, and partly to the relinquishment of entire holding entered in puttahs.

4. There was no alteration in the number and tenure of villages during the Fusly under review.

Price of Grain.

5. Statement No. 2 exhibits the average prices of the principal kinds of grain during Fusly 1278, as compared with 1277 and the past ten years, from 1268 to 1277 inclusive. The comparative abstract exhibits a fall in prices in this Fusly when compared with last—*Vide* column 7. Thus prices have continued to decrease, though not to the same extent they did in Fusly 1277 from those of the previous years. On comparing the prices of Fusly 1278 with the average of the previous ten years (*vide* column 5) we find a slight increase in the items of cholum, cumboo, and raggy, and a small decrease in those of horse-gram and first sort paddy.

Ryots' holding and alteration.

6. Statement No. 3 treats of the Ryots' holding and cultivation, with the alterations subsequently effected, and the annexed Memorandum is entered to show increase or decrease under each item in comparison with the results of last Fusly.

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Comparative Abstract.

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A P.
Ryots' holdings..................	3,15,034	9,48,915 8 9	3,28,590	9,76,762 9 0	13,556	27,847 0 3	...	... ...
Deduct								
Land resigned	13,288	28,088 0 5	15,363	31,990 14 10	2,075	3,902 14 5	...	... ...
Do. transferred	650	2,584 5 3	434	2,162 4 3	...	... ...	216	422 1 0
Do. became useless or appropriated to some public purpose	449	1,269 7 1	516	1,288 9 10	67	19 2 9	...	... ...
Total...	14,387	31,941 12 9	16,313	35,441 12 11	1,926	3,500 0 2	...	... ...
Remainder...	3,00,647	9,16,973 12 0	3,12,277	9,41,320 12 1	11,630	24,347 6 1	...	... ...
Add								
Land taken on durkhast	27,293	57,999 10 11	16,581	35,220 3 0	...	... ...	10,712	22,779 7 11
Do. obtained by transfer......	650	1,789 2 1	434	1,391 6 1	...	... ...	216	397 12 0
Total...	27,943	59,788 13 0	17,015	36,611 9 1	...	... ...	10,928	23,177 3 11
Total holdings...	3,28,590	9,76,762 9 0	3,29,292	9,77,932 5 2	702	1,169 12 2	...	... ...
Deduct waste remitted	2,418	10,512 10 3	2,159	9,184 11 5	...	... ...	259	1,327 14 10
Remainder...	3,26,172	9,66,249 14 9	3,27,133	9,68,747 9 9	961	2,497 11 0	...	... ...
Actual cultivation...............	3,00,378	9,16,243 0 11	3,00,642	9,11,785 12 6	264	... ...	...	4,457 4 5
Waste charged	25,794	50,006 13 10	26,491	56,961 13 3	697	6,954 15 5	...	... ...

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7. The extent of holding at the commencement of the Fusly was Acres 3,28,590, assessed at Rupees 9,76,762-9-0, from which deducting the land resigned, transferred from one head to another, and that appropriated for public purposes, amounting to Acres 16,313, bearing an assessment of Rupees 35,441-12-11, as detailed below, and adding thereto the fresh lands taken up, the result observable at the close of the Fusly was Acres 3,29,292, assessed at Rupees 9,77,932-5-2, which is shown in columns 31 and 32 of Statement No. 3. This amount is exclusive of second crop and water-rate assessment and road cess, which all amount to Rupees 89,596-2-1, as exhibited in columns 49, 51 and 52:—

	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.
Land relinquished	15,363	31,990	14	10
Do. sold for arrear of revenue, but purchased by Government	296	686	1	10
Do. become useless, and set aside for public purposes	203	516	14	5
Do. transferred from Nunjah to Poonjah, and *vice versâ*	434	2,162	4	3
Do. transferred as Devastanum Inam in lieu of land taken up	17	85	9	7
Total	16,313	35,441	12	11

8. In the comparative statement in paragraph 6 increase is observable in the item "Land resigned" and decrease in the item "Land taken on durkhast" to the extent of Rupees 3,902-14-5 and Rupees 22,779-7-11, respectively. This was, of course, owing to the bad state of the season. The decrease under the head "Waste remitted" and increase under "Waste charged" was caused by withholding remissions for portions of fields left waste, and chiefly by refusing remission in those portions of Chidambarum Talook which were settled seven or eight years ago by the Revenue Settlement Department.

Cultivation of Sugar-cane, etc.

9. Enclosure B. in Statement No. 3 shows the extent of cultivation of sugar-cane, cotton, and indigo, and the subjoined comparative Memorandum shows a decrease of Rupees 809 in the cultivation of sugar-cane and cotton, while an increase is observable in that of indigo to an extent of Rupees 472: —

Memorandum.

Products.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Sugar-cane	211	910	183	807	...	...	28	103
Cotton	38,626	41,021	38,596	40,315	...	...	30	706
Indigo	1,848	3,932	1,932	4,404	84	472	...	...

10. Enclosure C. in Statement No. 3 is blank, since there were no progressive cowles granted for the last four or five years.

Principal sources of Irrigation.

11. I annex a Memorandum to show the principal sources of irrigation in the Sub-division, extent of ayacut and cultivation under each source, as compared with the results of the preceding Fusly.

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Memorandum.

Sources of Irrigation.	Ayacut.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
		Extent actually cultivated.	Assessment.	Extent actually cultivated.	Assessment.	Extent actually cultivated.	Assessment.	Extent actually cultivated.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Coleroon Lower Anicut...	74,616	71,810	4,06,328	71,704	4,11,379	...	5,051	106	...
Vellar, Shetiyatope do.........	13,661	12,770	84,094	12,999	89,532	229	5,438	...	...
Manimuttannadi, Kinanoor Anicut...............	1,956	1.558	9,340	1,536	10,530	...	1,190	22	...
Total .	90,233	86,138	4,99,762	86,239	5,11,441	229	11,679	128	...

Virdachellum Talook.	*Chidambarum Talook.*
Thevangudi.	Valayamadevi.
Kilapalaiyur.	Yerumlur.
Thozhur.	Thurinjikollai.
Sathappadi.	Nellikollai.
Tharmanallur	Ulkadai.
Kavanur.	Sinna Nerkunam.
Kodumanur.	Krishnan Covil.

12. The anicut across Manimuttannadi was only completed last year, and at present supplies water to the 14 villages marginally noted. Some work remains to be done on the channels and to some tanks dependant on them. In the above statement, under the head "Extent actually cultivated," only the nunjah land is entered, but in the amount of assessment second crop and water assessment are included to show the total revenue derived from each anicut.

Season and Health.

13. The season of Fusly 1278 was unfavorable, and it was felt more pressing especially as this was the second year of drought. The rain-fall in Virdachellum town was about 12 inches only, which of course is very little. In Chidambarum the fall was 21 or 22 inches, but in many parts of both talooks the rain was still more scanty than it was in the principal towns. The heat was excessive, and scarcity of drinking water was experienced almost throughout Virdachellum Talook and the Srimushtam section of Chidambarum Talook. The adverse state of the season was brought to notice by Mr. Hathaway in his letter to you, dated 1st February 1869, No. 29, paragraph 2, and Government were pleased to sanction at once 1,000 Rupees for sinking wells and procuring a supply of drinking water for the inhabitants and their cattle—*Vide* Government Order, dated 13th March 1869, No. 687. The dry crops in Virdachellum Talook failed to a great extent. There was no cholera or small-pox in Virdachellum, but there were a few cases in Chidambarum. Cattle disease prevailed to a large extent in Virdachellum Talook at the close of the Fusly, and does not seem to have died out yet. Reports were sent in the prescribed form to J. Thacker, Esq., Veterinary Surgeon, and he has arrived and is prosecuting inquiries regarding this epidemic. The disease is called "Vekkai," and assumes two or three forms. It is infectious, but it will take a long time to impress on the ryots the value of segregation. They raise objections about the great difficulty of carrying out the principle. The disease is attributed to various causes.

Remissions.

14. In Statement No. 4 the particulars of remissions granted under different heads in comparison with the last Fusly are given. Under the head "Occasional remissions" granted with reference to the state of the season" the increase of Rupees 25,443-8-4 observable in the amount of remission for shavy or withered crops, and of Rupees 51,625-8-3 for loss of produce on poonjah

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lands, and of Rupees 223-5-6 for second crop not cultivated, has been caused in Virdachellum Talook, where the year under notice appears to have been most unfavorable, as already observed. Remissions on poonjah lands were granted with reference to Government Order, 13th March 1869, No. 687. Remissions on nunjah waste are entered talookwar in column 38 of Statement No. 3, from which it will be seen that the decrease of Rupees 1,327-14-10, exhibited in Statement No. 4, was caused in Chidambarum alone. In Virdachellum there was an increase of Rupees 3,936-13-8 over the past Fusly. In Chidambarum the decrease, Rupees 5,265-2-6, was caused by withholding remission in the irrigated portions of the talook which have undergone re-settlement by the Settlement Department. Explanation was submitted to you on this point by Mr. Hathaway in his letters, Nos. 109 and 127, dated 19th and 30th April 1869, respectively, wherein he states that in consideration of the permanent reduction allowed at the new settlement remission for wet, waste, etc., was not required. The decrease of Rupees 359-15-9, under the head Cowle remission, was caused by bringing to account portions of the grants not planted according to the rules conveyed in the Board's Circular No. III. of 1865. The items of fixed and other remissions do not require any remarks.

Miscellaneous Items.

15. Statement No. 5 exhibits the Demand, Collection, and Balance of the Land Revenue, Miscellaneous items. The demand for Fusly 1278 was Rupees 22,224-0-5, as entered in column 60 of Statement No. 3, or Rupees 4,220-9-11 less than the demand of Fusly 1277. The revenue brought to account under the heads of Fasul jastee on one crop Inam Nunjah, and Teerwa jastee on Inam Poonjah, was Rupees 4,067-2-10, as entered in Item No. 46 in Statement No. 5, and in the annexed comparative statement:—

Talooks.	Items.	Amount brought to account in						Increase.			Decrease.		
		Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.								
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Virdachellum...	Fasul Jastee.......	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Teerwa Jastee.....	936	9	0	496	10	3	...	...	...	439	14	9
Chidambarum ...	Fasul Jastee.......	146	11	5	838	11	0	691	15	7	...	...	...
	Teerwa Jastee ...	2,315	12	9	2,731	13	7	416	0	10	...	...	...
	Total...	3,399	1	2	4,067	2	10	1,108	0	5	439	14	9
	Deduct Decrease.	...	...	...	...	...	...	439	14	9	...	...	...
	Net Increase......	...	...	...	...	...	...	668	1	8	...	...	...

Collection in Shrotriem Villages.

16. Statement No. 6 gives the Demand, Collection, and Balance of Shrotriem villages for Fusly 1278. The balance left at the close of the Fusly against Shrotriemdars was Rs. 636-6-6. Subsequent collections reduced this amount to Rupees 383-11-11, of which Rupees 24-15-2, forming a portion of arrear of Kinanur in Virdachellum Talook, is to be struck off the accounts as usual, as this amount represents a portion of the peshcush for Fuslies 1277 and 1278 on land taken up for a Government channel. In paragraph 13 of last year's Jummahbundy Report Mr. Hathaway proposed the permanent reduction of the sum of Rupees 12-7-7 by reckoning the peshcush at Rupees 217-8-5 instead of 230. This must, however, be represented in a separate letter.

Collections.

Talooks.	Current.			Arrears.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Virdachellum...	13,583	12	10	2,335	1	6	15,918	14	4
Chedambarum.	5,330	5	6	3,897	13	0	56,228	2	6
	65,914	2	4	6,232	14	6	72,147	0	10

17. Statement No. 7 shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of Revenue, current and arrears. The balance to be collected for Fusly 1278 was, on 1st September 1869, Rupees 65,914-2-4, as entered in column 6, and arrear balance for previous Fuslies on the same date was Rupees 6,232-14-6, as entered in column 13. The very large balance of Rupees 2,09,020 at the close of the Fusly, with the rapid reduction to Rupees 65,914 on the 31st August, is due to the following causes:—Much difficulty was experienced by Talook authorities in collecting revenue, when precluded by Board's Standing Circular No. I. of 1869 from employing batta Ameens for the service of processes and the sale of property. This encouraged defaulters

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to hold back their payments, and the Village Officers having no expectation of profit in serving processes as previously, were of course perfectly indifferent about compelling those to pay who stood on the defensive. The village authorities were, in many cases, defaulters themselves, and the Tahsildars reported the trouble which they experienced in the work. However, on the 20th of July a Circular Order was issued by you to all Tahsildars, directing that as the ryots, notwithstanding the remissions they had received, were withholding payment in all cases where it was impossible to collect by the Village Officers batta Ameens might be employed, and the fees collected paid to them. Upon this a great stimulus was given to the work of collection, and it is probable that by the end of the month the remaining balance will be reduced to a very small amount.

Fusliwar balance.

	RS.	A.	P.
Collection	43,717	2	11
Remission	7,333	12	9
	51,050	15	8

18. Statement No. 8 will show the collections made on account of the arrears of former Fuslies, the balance to be collected, and the amount to be remitted under three heads of Ryotwar, Jody on Shrotriem, and Miscellaneous. The arrear at the beginning of the Fusly 1278 was Rupees 57,466-15-6, of which Rs. 51,050-15-8 was collected and remitted within the Fusly, leaving a balance of Rupees 6,415-15-10, which sum was reduced by subsequent collections to Rupees 6,232-14-6, as entered in column 12. Of this balance the amount ascertained to be recoverable is only Rupees 1,997-1-0, as entered in column 9; the remaining sum of Rupees 4,235-13-6 being recommended, as entered in column 11, for remission for reasons mentioned below. Coercive measures are being employed for the realization of the amount of recoverable arrear:—

No.	Items.	Fusly 1274.			Fusly 1276.			Fusly 1277.			Total.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1	Peshcush on land taken up from Shrotriem villages for an irrigation channel of Government.	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	7	7	12	7	7
2	Assessment on land in boundary dispute improperly charged in two villages	...	...	...	...	...	...	91	14	1	91	14	1
3	Do. on lands proposed as emoluments for Taliary office	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,346	10	2	2,346	10	2
4	Do. on land sold for arrear of revenue, but not realised	...	...	...	22	3	3	48	8	8	70	11	11
5	Do. on lands in the bed of tanks improperly charged	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	10	7	18	10	7
6	Do. on land included in the Cowle granted to the Zemindar of Parur, but improperly entered in the puttahs of others and charged	...	...	...	...	...	...	203	12	4	203	12	4
7	Do. on land included in puttah by mistake in excess of the proper extent	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	7	0	8	7	0
8	Do. on land improperly included in the puttah of two different individuals, but should be excluded from one	...	...	...	...	...	...	298	11	4	298	11	4
9	Assessment remitted after Jummahbundy	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	10	4	100	10	4
10	Tax improperly charged on young and unproductive trees of Devastanum in Virdachellum	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,079	6	2	1,079	6	2
11	Tree tax charged in excess of proper demand in Kokkarasanpettai village before it was transferred from Trichinopoly,	4	8	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	8	0
	Total...	4	8	0	22	3	3	4,209	2	3	4,235	13	6

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Coercive measures for recovery of arrears.

19. Enclosure A. in Statement No. 8 shows how far it was found necessary to employ coercive process in the collection of revenue during Fusly 1278, under Act II. of 1864. Process was issued against 667 defaulters in 256 villages for an arrear of Rupees 9,338, and property, personal and real, estimated at Rupees 8,894, was attached; but the value of property actually sold was only Rupees 3,466, of which real property amounted to as much as Rupees 2,786.*

	RS.
* Chedambarum	2,625
Virdachellum	161
Total...	2,786

20. As directed in paragraph 7 of Board's Standing Circular Order, No. I. of 1869, I beg to annex a Memorandum showing the fees collected and paid to persons employed under Act II. of 1864 during the year under notice, from which it will be seen that there was no balance left in hand:—

Talooks.	Fees collected.			Fees paid to process servers and distrainers.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Chedambarum	1,843	11	5	1,843	11	5
Virdachellum	376	7	6	376	7	6
Total...	2,220	2	11	2,220	2	11

Topes.

21. The total extent of land occupied for the plantation of public and private topes under the Tope Rules of 1848 amounts to Acres 553-18, assessed at Rupees 1,276-7-1, as shown below:—

Talooks.	Public Topes.					Private Topes.					Total.				
	Extent.		Assessment.			Extent.		Assessment.			Extent.		Assessment.		
	A.	D.	RS.	A.	P.	A.	D.	RS.	A.	P.	A.	D.	RS.	A.	P.
Virdachellum	52	33	115	12	11	377	36	915	15	11	429	69	1,031	12	10
Chedambarum	19	87	57	6	0	103	62	187	4	3	123	49	244	10	3
Total...	72	20	173	2	11	480	98	1,103	4	2	553	18	1,276	7	1

22. This total extent comprises land granted for public and private topes by my predecessor in the year under report to an extent of Acres 112-59, bearing an assessment of Rupees 304-15-6. There is a decrease of Acres 154-60 observable in this year, as compared with the total extent entered in the last year's report. This is because some of the lands granted for private topes having run their course of twenty years were brought to account in Fusly 1278 in Virdachellum Talook, and also some lands not planted under the rules were charged in the year.

Acquisition of land by public servants.

23. Under this head there does not appear much change. The Sub-division Sheristadar, Kanaksabai Moodelliar, has been allowed four annas† of a cawnie of assessed dry land for

† Assessed at Rupee 0-9-9.

building purposes adjoining his garden, already reported in paragraph 20 of last year's report. The undermentioned servants have acquired land to the extent mentioned during the year under consideration:—

No.		Extent.		Assessment.		
	Chidambarum Talook.	ACS.	DEC.	RS.	A.	P.
1	3rd Class Revenue Inspector Ramasamy Iyer	29	99	111	15	4
2	2nd Goomastah Kristna Row	1	19	6	5	0
3	Goomastah Chokalinga Moodelliar	2	0	2	0	0
	Virdachellum Talook.					
4	Coopooosamy Iyer, Goomastah of Tittagudi Sub-Magistrate's Office	4	0	23	0	0
	Total......	37	18	143	4	4

Number 1 acquired the land by purchase and durkhast in Amliapuram and Senthrakillai in his own division. Full inquiry will be made into this. Nos. 2 and 4 were acquired by purchase. No. 3 was acquired by getting the original Durkhastdar resign in his favor.

Vaccination.

24. A statement of children vaccinated in the Fusly is entered below, as furnished by my Office Hospital Assistant, who was on circuit with the office:—

STATEMENT of Children vaccinated during Fusly 1278.

Villages.	Number Vaccinated.		Total.	Remarks.
	Successful.	Unsuccessful.		
Virdachellum	17	6	23	
Yerumanur	10	2	12	
Manargudi	14	6	20	
Tittagudi	5	1	6	
Porto-Novo	8	7	15	
Total...	54	22	76	

Talook and Village accounts.

25. The Talook accounts of Chidambarum and Village accounts were examined at Jummahbundy. Some of the Durkhast Registers, Form C., and No. 4, Village accounts, were incomplete. The Curnums were warned against the recurrence of such neglect. I have examined the Talook accounts of Virdachellum and found them to be correctly kept.

VIRDACHELLUM,
12th September 1869.

(Signed) P. L. ROBERTS,
Sub-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

TANJORE.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the Settlement of the Revenues of this District for Fusly 1278, (A. D. 1868-69.) The prescribed Statements, as per list enclosed, accompany.

Places at which the settlement was made.

2. The settlement of the several talooks was conducted by the officers, and at the places, named in the subjoined table :—

Names of the Officers.	Name of the Talook.	Stations where Jummahbundy was made.	Period occupied for the settlement of each Talook.
G. Lee Morris, Esq., Collector	Pattukottai	Chetubava Chuttrum	From 18th April to 7th May 1869.
		Pattukottai	
J. W. Best, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector	Negapatam	Negapatam	From 1st March to 21st May 1869.
		Tevur	
		Trivalore	
	Nannilam	Puntottam	From 1st March to 10th April 1869.
		Tirumarugal	
		Koradacheri	
		Kulikkarai	
L. R. Burrows, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector	Mayaveram	Mayaveram	From 19th February to 7th May 1869.
		Tiruvadudorai	
		Tranquebar	
	Shealli	Cauveripatam	From 16th February to 19th April 1869.
		Shealli	
		Anikaren Chuttrum	
A. Tagg, Esq., Assistant Collector	Combaconum	Combaconum	From 16th March to 12th June 1869.
		Kapistalam	
		Valingaman	
		Madhiarjunam	
A. Ramachendra Row, 2nd Class Dy. Collector	Tanjore	Trivadi	From 20th February to 12th May 1869.
		Milattur	
		Vallam	
A. Srinivasa Row, 4th Class Deputy Collector	Munnargudi	Munnargudi	From 28th January to 18th May 1869.
	Tritrapundi	Tritrapundi	From 20th January to 31st May 1869.

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Puttahs.

3. The total number of Land Revenue puttahs under Ryotwar Settlement, inclusive of Mottamfaisal villages, was 1,23,089 against 1,12,606 in the preceding year ; the difference, viz., 10,483, being made up of 5,650 puttahs given for the first time in such of the Mottamfaisal villages as remained to be brought under the puttah system,* and of 4,833 issued for new holdings arising in the ordinary course of Sub-division from sale, partition, and other similar causes. Out of the 1,12,606 old puttahs 61,106 have remained unaltered ; 38,052 have been re-issued, with the changes which took place during the past year noted therein ; and the remaining 13,448 have been renewed in consequence of the changes which took place having been too numerous to be noted in the old puttahs, or the latter having become otherwise unavailable.

*Vide Board's Proceedings 10th April 1865, No. 1,911.
Do. 29th June ,, ,, 3,615.

Puttahs introduced in Mottamfaisal Villages.

4. Of the 86 villages under Mottamfaisal settlement in which puttahs remained to be introduced, as intimated in my last Settlement Report, 79 have been brought under the puttah system during the year under report, and the remaining 7 will be brought under it this year.

Variations in the number and tenures of Villages.

5. The number of villages under the different heads of Settlement stood exactly as they did during the preceding year, no variations having taken place in them. The annexed list shows the number under each head :—

	No. of villages.	No. of hamlets.
Taraff or Government Villages.		
Field assessed ...	772	725
Mottamfaisal ...	1,585	1,664
Olungu rented, affected by price ...	......	1
Olungu rented, but not affected by price ...	54	104
Grain rented ...	......	1
Amany ...	......	1
Total Taraff or Government Villages...	2,411	2,496
Inam, etc.		
Poliput ...	251	......
Survamaniem ...	453	......
Shrotriem ...	600	......
Fixed money rented ...	46	......
Permanently grain rented ...	11	......
Ardhamaniem or half assessed ...	6	......
Mokasa...	139	......
Total Inam, etc...	1,506	......
Towns not paying any revenue to Government...	17	......
Sudhappal or entirely waste ...	......	5
Jungle...	1	......
Grand Total...	3,935	2,501

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Season.

6. The season was on the whole favorable. The north-east monsoon was a light one, while such rain as fell during the whole year was unequally spread over the district ; but in the Delta, excepting such portions as are dependant for their irrigation on sources of a precarious nature, it was generally sufficient to supplement the freshes, of which there was a moderate but steady supply throughout the cultivation season. As regards the upland portion of the district, the southern and south-eastern talooks of Pattukottai and Tritrapundi received a much larger share than usual of local rains, which enabled the ryots to realize a fair out-turn of both the wet and dry crops. It was thus only the unirrigated portion of the Tanjore Talook which suffered from want of rain. The subjoined table shows the quantity of rain-fall during the past and the preceding five years :—

Months.	1863-64.	1864-65.	1865-66.	1866-67.	1867-68.	1868-69.
April	5·61	1·39	1·9	0·16	0·38	0·05
May	1·37	3·02	3·1	0·4	3 92	0·78
June	3·0	0·5	0·15	1·35	0·12	2·82
July	3 92	1·7	2·55	0·53	0·99	4·39
August	3·1	4·5	1·53	2 3	1·95	1·78
September	2·04	2·4	3·4	1·9	3·17	4·06
	19 04	13·51	12·63	6·64	10·53	13·88
October	13·03	15·9	5·0	6·4	4·7	6·42
November	10·07	3·5	4·35	6·15	4 44	3·17
December...	13·29	2·0	0·7	8·6	1·28	3·55
January	......	1·0	......	0·07	3·4	1·31
February...	......	......	0·5	......	0 01	0·37
March	......	......	......	......	......	......
	36·39	22·4	10·55	21·22	13·83	14·82
Total...	55·43	35·91	23·18	27·86	24·36	28·7

Sanitary condition.

	Fusly 1276.	Fus'y 1277.	Fusly 1278.
Cholera	9,435	5,647	261
Small-pox	1,741	8,350	2,684
Fever	4,838	4,833	6,670
Other diseases...	19,547	17,808	24,072
Total...	35,551	31,638	33,687

7. The year under report may be reckoned a healthy one, though the aggregate amount of mortality was slightly in excess of that of the preceding year. Cholera was almost unknown, but owing to the lightness of the monsoon, and the consequent increased severity of the hot season, fever prevailed to a large extent and produced a considerable amount of mortality. Owing to the same cause small-pox also prevailed though not so much as it did during the preceding year, and this comparatively, but by no means absolutely, satisfactory result is attributable no doubt to the more extended operation of the Vaccine Department. The comparative table entered in the margin exhibits the number of deaths severally from cholera, small-pox, and fever, as well as from all other diseases during the past three years.

8. In consequence of the drought, which more or less prevailed during the latter part of the year, cattle suffered more than men, and in parts of the district their loss from diseases incidental to the hot season was rather considerable.

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Prices.

	Per Tanjore Kalam of paddy.			Per Madras Garce.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Standard price	0	7	8 3/8	55	12	11
Commutation price of Fusly 1277	1	3	11 5/8	144	12	5
Do. of do. 1278.	1	4	6 1/4	148	12	5
Increase above the standard	0	12	9 7/8	....		
Per centage	166 1/2			....		
Increase above last Fusly ...	0	9	6 5/8	....		
Per centage	2 1/4			....		

9. The average rate of the retail sales of paddy grain in villages during the year under report was Rupees 1-4-6¼ per Tanjore kalam, or Rupees 148-12-5 per Madras garce, being, as shown in the margin, slightly in excess of the similar average rate of the preceding year, and no less than 166½ per cent. above the fixed commutation rate, which is Rupees 0-7-8⅜ per Tanjore kalam, and Rupees 55 12-11 per Madras garce.

10. The market selling price above mentioned, though decidedly high, has been only in keeping with what has been more or less maintained for the last ten or twelve years, and being the necessary result of the progressive state of the population and trade I do not imagine that any considerable falling off therein is within the bounds of probability.

Wages of labor.

11. The laboring classes have had ample employment within the district, while the demands from Ceylon and other Colonies have been unceasing, and their condition, therefore, has not been injuriously affected by the high prices of food.

Ryots' holdings.

12. As will be seen from the following comparative table the aggregate of the ryots' holdings during the year under report was 10,13,824 Acres, assessed at Rupees 39,36,003. This exhibits an increase of Rupees 9,306 over the preceding year, being the result of lands assessed at Rupees 5,826 given up or rendered unavailable for cultivation, against those assessed at Rupees 15,132 taken up :—

	Fusly 1278.	
	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.
Ryots' holdings as they stood at the beginning of the year	10,09,394	39,26,580
Add on account of Amany villages	18	117
	10,09,412	39,26,697
Lands given up	2,823	5,826
Remainder...	10,06,589	39,20,871
Lands taken up	7,235	15,132
Total holdings...	10,13,824	39,36,003
Deduct waste, consisting of whole survey fields, the assessment of which was remitted	7,084	26,283
Remainder...	10,06,740	39,09,720
Particulars. Actual cultivation	9,18,264	37,27,962
Particulars. Waste charged	88,476	1,81,758

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Waste remitted, waste charged, and actual cultivation.

13. In waste remittted there is a decrease of Rupees 19,190 compared with the preceding year, which, as well as the increase of Rupees 68,967 in actual cultivation, is due to the generally more favorable character of the season. In waste charged there is also a decrease of Rupees 40,354.

Settlement of Land Revenue.

14. The result in the aggregate of the settlement of the land revenue of this district, under the head "Ryotwar," for the year under report is, as will be seen from the annexed statement, a decrease of Rupees 3,989 below the preceding year, arising from variations in the different component items, as particularized below.

	RS.
Increase in holdings, as shown in paragraph 12	9,306
Do. by diminished remission of waste, vide paragraph 13	19,190
Do. in second crop assessment and water tax, viz., Rupees 10,021, less a decrease of Rupees 239 in Teerwah Jasty	9,782
Do. by diminished remission on account of Shavy, etc.	49,629
Total Increase...	87,907
Amount deducted in the gross, and credited to the Village Service Fund, being the salary of the Village establishment for four months, from March to June 1869—Vide Board's Proceedings, 29th October 1868, No. 7,727.	91,896
Difference or net Decrease...	3,989

Items.	Last Fusly.				Present Fusly.				Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3			4	5			6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry...	2,79,519	3,49,248	2	0	2,82,4 0	3,58,466	13	11	2,891	4,219	...	...
Wet	7,17,447	35,31,976	9	11	7,24,330	35,56,258	5	10	6,883	24,277	...	...
Total...	9,96,966	38,81,224	11	11	10,06,740	39,09,720	3	9	9,774	28,496	...	...
Second crop Assessment ...	......	56,861	3	7	......	63,322	12	10	......	6,462	...	...
Additional do.	......	82,331	14	8	......	82,093	1	0	......	......	...	239
Water Tax	......	34,805	9	1	......	38,364	2	0	......	3,559	...	...
Road Fund	......	82,320	14	6	......	1,98,876	15	6	......	1,16,556	...	...
Village Service Fund	......	......	...	...	......	......	...	...	......	......	...	...
Total...	......	41,37,544	5	9	......	42,92,377	3	1	......	1,55,073	...	239
Deduct Remissions.												
Road Fund........................	......	82,320	14	6	......	1,98,876	15	6	......	1,16,556	...	...
Village Service Fund... ...	......	......	...	...	......	91,896	0	0	......	91,896	...	...
Other remissions as particularised in Statement No. 4.	......	76,064	11	5	......	26,435	1	1	......	......	...	49,629
Total...	......	1,58,385	9	11	......	3,17,208	0	7	......	2,08,452	...	49,629
Remaining beriz	......	39,79,158	11	10	......	39,75,169	2	6	......	......	...	3,989
Add Miscellaneous items ...	......	1,17,133	9	4	......	1,18,703	15	6	......	1,569	...	...
Total...	......	40,96,292	5	2	......	40,93,873	2	0	......	1,569	...	3,989

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15. It will be thus seen that, but for the deduction made on account of the cost of the Village establishment, the settlement of the year under report, under the head "Ryotwar," would exhibit an increase of Rupees 87,907 instead of a decrease as it does now.

	RS.
* In second crop Assessment...	6,462
In Water Tax...	3,559
	10,021
Deduct decrease in Teerwah Jasty...	239
Net Increase...	9,782

16. Of the four items of increase above enumerated the first two have been already explained. The increase* in second crop assessment and water tax, and the decrease in shavy, etc., remissions (to be more particularly noticed hereafter) which comprize respectively the third and fourth items above specified, are likewise attributable to the generally more favorable character of the season.

17. In the Road Fund, which also finds place in the statement appended to paragraph 14, there is an apparent increase of Rupees 1,16,556, which, however, is due partly to the fact that in the preceding year's statement the road cess on ryotwar lands alone was erroneously entered; while in this year's statement the whole demand, including the cess on Inams, etc., is exhibited. It is due partly also to the demand for the preceding year having, under the Board's Proceedings marginally noted,† been diminished by as much as had been collected in the year before over and above half the annual tax.

† 12th November 1867, No. 7376.

18. Under the head "Land Revenue, Miscellaneous," last entered in the statement above referred to, there is a small increase of Rupees 1,569. The variations in the several component items, of which this increase is the result in the aggregate, have been fully explained in statement No. 5, and no special notice here under this head seems, therefore, necessary.

Special products.

19. The extent to which special products were cultivated during the past year is shown in the subjoined table in comparison with the year preceding, from which it will be seen that there is an increase in cotton and indigo, with a decrease in sugar. The cultivation of these products, however, is carried on in this district to such a limited extent that these variations, in themselves unimportant, call for no particular remark.

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Cotton... ...	3,067	3,800	3,712	4,925	645	1,125	......	......
Indigo... ...	898	2,645	1,159	3,011	261	366	......	......
Sugar... ...	417	2,318	331	2,143	......	......	86	175
Total...	4,382	8,763	5,202	10,079	906	1,491	86	175

Irrigation.

Board's Circular Memorandum, 14th August 1866, No. 787.

20. Agreeably to instructions marginally noted I annex a statement showing the total irrigable Ayacut and actual cultivation under each main branch of the Cauvery, as also under tanks.

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Names of Rivers or principal sources of Irrigation.	Total irrigable Ayacut.	Assessment.	Actual cultivation.	Assessment.	Add for waste charged.	Total of actual cultivation and waste charged.	Deduct Shavy, etc., remitted.	Net Revenue as actually derived.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Cauvery...	88,184	4,65,584	82,576	4,43,471	13,837	4,57,308	9,601	4,47,707
Kodamurty...	58,347	3,62,490	57,501	3,59,230	3,260	3,62,490	....	3,62,490
Tirumalairajan...	8,311	46,493	8,047	45,397	1,096	46,493	....	46,493
Mudikondan...	32,556	1,80,309	31,624	1,76,270	4,039	1,80,309	....	1,80,309
Arasalar...	52,855	2,80,138	52,133	2,76,612	3,526	2,80,138	26	2,80,112
Virasholan...	51,955	2,53,858	50,091	2,47,600	3,667	2,51,267	2,000	2,49,267
Vinnar...	76,275	4,11,054	74,505	4,04,708	6,346	4,11,054	....	4,11,054
Vettaur...	80,558	4,34,805	77,409	4,22,891	11,752	4,34,643	204	4,34,439
Pamani...	28,939	1,15,278	27,225	1,09,459	5,461	1,14,920	....	1,14,920
Koraiyar...	85,383	3,40,538	76,145	3,07,374	27,216	3,34,590	1,026	3,33,564
Vellaiyar...	30,876	1,38,991	27,938	1,26,866	9,641	1,36,507	32	1,36,475
Pandavayar...	23,302	1,26,769	22,454	1,23,214	3,394	1,26,608	20	1,26,588
Mannyar...	46,807	2,64,481	45,709	2,58,775	4,854	2,63,629	1,275	2,62,354
South Rajan Voikal	14,462	64,607	14,086	63,096	1,354	64,450	8	64,442
Palavar, and 11 other drainage streams...	37,036	1,94,822	35,333	1,87,712	5,297	1,93,009	1,750	1,91,259
Total under River Irrigation...	7,15,846	36,80,217	6,82,776	35,52,675	1,04,740	36,57,415	15,942	36,41,473
Under Tank Irrigation...	41,143	1,31,762	34,562	1,18,175	10,107	1,28,282	10,493	1,17,789
Grand Total...	7,56,989	38,11,979	7,17,338	36,70,850	1,14,847	37,85,697	26,435	37,59,262
Add— For land cultivated but not included in the Jummahbundy and also water tax on Inam, etc., included under the head "Miscellaneous."...								16,361
Total...								37,75,623

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With reference to the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated the 23rd October 1866, No. 1,064, I beg here to state that no tanks, ruined or otherwise, were made over to the ryots during the past year on the terms sanctioned in the Proceedings of Government.

Remissions.

21. The amount remitted under the head of Shavy was Rupees 25,798, which, *plus* the small sum of Rupees 637 remitted on account of Fassul Cummy and Rupees 26,283 for waste remitted, makes up a total of Rupees 52,718 against Rupees 1,21,538, which was the amount of remissions granted in the preceding year. This satisfactory result of the settlement of the year under report is due to the generally favorable character of the past season compared with the year preceding, which was exceptionally bad for the upland parts of the district, and in which, therefore, special measures of relief were accorded with respect to dry lands.

General Abstract of all heads of Revenue.

22. The following general abstract shows in one view the result of the settlement under the several heads of Land Revenue, as well as Extra Sources, in comparison with the year preceding :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled...	31,434	31,434	....	....
Jody or Shrotriem, etc., villages	1,21,651	1,21,645	....	6
Ryotwar...	39,79,159	39,75,170	....	3,989
Miscellaneons items...	1,17,134	1,18,703	1,569	....
Total...	42,49,378	42,46,952	1,569	3,995
Abkarry	4,94,239	4,97,964	3,725	....
Salt...	11,36,545	10,93,698	....	42,847
Sea Customs...	3,99,784	4,31,966	32,182	....
Land Customs...	78,699	86,427	7,728	....
Stamps...	4,14,949	4,73,754	58,805	....
Income Tax...	182	2,147	1,965	....
Certificate Tax... ... ... License Tax...	31,535	44,002	12,467	....
Grand Total...	68,05,311	68,76,910	1,18,441	46,842

Land Revenue.

23. The variations under the two heads of Land Revenue, viz., "Ryotwar" and "Miscellaneous," have been already noticed; the Peshcush is an item not liable to any variation, and the decrease of Rupees 6 under the head of Jody is too small to need any explanation.

Abkarry.

24. The increase of Rupees 3,725 under the head of Abkarry is the result of higher bids obtained for some of the farms sold in consequence of the expiry of previous leases.

Income Tax.

25. The amount which appears under the head of Income Tax consists only of deductions made from the salaries of Government officials under Act IX. of 1869, since that Act, as regards other incomes, was not brought into actual operation before the close of the Fusly.

License Tax.

26. The increase of Rupees 12,467 under the head of License Tax, as compared with the preceding year, is due to the fact that, owing to the Certificate Tax Act of 1868 having been brought into operation at a later date in the year than was the License Tax Act of 1867 during the preced-

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ing year, a larger proportion of assessments under the Act first mentioned were made during the Fusly year or subsequent to 30th June 1868.

Sea Customs.

27. The increase of Rupees 32,182 under the head of Sea Customs is the net result of a gross increase of Rupees 54,519 in exports against a gross decrease of Rupees 20,581 in imports, *plus* a further decrease of Rupees 1,756 under the head "Miscellaneous." The increase first mentioned arises chiefly from the increased exportation of rice and paddy to Ceylon, while the decrease in imports is due to the diminished importation of various articles of import trade, (of which the most important are betel-nuts,) as also to the exemption of timber from import duty by Act XI. of 1868, counter-balanced by a small increase in the importation of piece goods and sundry other articles.

Land Customs.

28. The increase of Rupees 7,728 under the head of Land Customs is due to the increased exportation of rice and grain to the French Settlement of Karikal and thence by sea to Ceylon, counter-balanced by a falling off in sundry articles of import.

Salt.

29. The falling off of Rupees 42,847 in the Salt revenue is due partly to the fact that the sales in the southern and northernmost depôts in the preceding year were exceptionally large, and were, as a necessary consequence, followed by a corresponding falling off during the year under report, and partly to the Great Southern of India Railway having to compete with the Madras Railway at a disadvantage with regard to the cost of carriage of salt to Western Districts. It is in a measure due also to illicit manufacture of earth salt and theft of salt spontaneously produced on the coast, both of which practices there is reason to fear are to some extent carried on in certain out-of-the-way localities. I have adopted all practicable measures with a view to the detection and suppression of these practices.

Stamps.

30. The increase of Rupees 58,805 in Stamp revenue is due chiefly to increased litigation arising out of the ordinary contingencies of society, as also to stricter compliance with the requirements of the Stamp law in private transactions under the operation of its penal provisions now generally more rigidly enforced. The suits which have been filed during the year under report for the recovery of arrears of rent due to the estate of His Highness the late Rajah of Tanjore, and which had accumulated to a considerable extent in consequence of the neglected state of the affairs of his family, are alone computed to have cost about Rupees 25,000 for stamps, and the Abkarry engagements, renewed in consequence of the resale of the farms, have on a rough calculation contributed about Rupees 8,500 to this branch of the public revenue.

Demand and Collection.

31. The entire demand, comprising all Sources of revenue, amounted to Rs. 68,76,910 against Rupees 68,05,193 in the preceding year, thus exhibiting an increase in the aggregate of Rupees 71,717. Of the total demand Rupees 67,85,368 were realised within the year, leaving at its close a balance of Rupees 91,542 distributed between the two heads of Land and Abkarry, as shown in the margin. The balance under the head last mentioned has since been collected, and the Land Revenue balance has, by subsequent collections up to the 20th instant, been reduced to Rupees 19,971—a result which I am sure will be deemed satisfactory, considering that it is the balance of a demand amounting to very nearly forty-two and a half lacs, and bears to it a percentage of less than half. The balance last mentioned is in course of realization, and will be realised with the exception of such a small portion as may have to be written off by reason of its being absolutely irrecoverable.

	RS.	A.	P.
Land Revenue	78,986	0	0
Abkarry	12,556	0	0
	91,542	0	0

Arrears.

32. The arrears of Land Revenue for previous years, as they outstood at the beginning of the year under report, amounted to Rupees 1,80,720, of which Rupees 1,68,752 have been collected up to the 20th instant, and a further sum of Rupees 3,524 has been remitted under the sanction* of Government marginally noted, thus leaving a balance of Rupees 8,444. Of this last mentioned sum Rupees 8,064 are recoverable, and the remaining balance, viz., Rupees 380,† as per separate explanatory statement,‡ being irrecoverable I beg that sanction may be obtained for its being remitted.

* 22nd December 1868, No. 3,200.
11th May 1869, No. 1,318.

† Fuslies.	Amount. RS.
1275	14
1276	69
1277	297
Total...	380

‡ Marked No. 19.

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Coercive Process.

Fuslies.	Estimated value of property attached.			Value of property actually sold.		
	Real.	Personal.	Total.	Real.	Personal.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1277... ...	10,164	33,264	43,428	7,198	5,773	12,971
1278... ...	13,497	18,792	32,289	9,443	3,421	12,864

33. The marginal table shows the extent to which coercive process was employed in the realization of arrears of revenue during the past and preceding years, and calls for no special remark. I must, however, here add that in those parts of the district which are either indifferently irrigated or are dependant entirely on falling rains, and where, therefore, owing to the generally scanty yield of the harvest the ryots have been unable to realize the benefits of high prices, some difficulty has been experienced in collecting the Government demand, and that the very satisfactory state of the collections nevertheless thus really testifies to the efficiency of the generality of Revenue Officers of the district.

Receipts and Charges.

34. The actual receipts and charges under each head of Revenue are exhibited in the annexed comparative table, from which it will be seen that the total receipts amounted to Rupees 69,69,767, while the total charges amounted to Rupees 6,68,682, being about 9½ per cent. on the former :—

	Receipts.		Charges.		Percentage of charges on Receipts.	
	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.		
Land Revenue.						
Current, including Miscellaneous... ...	40,84,878	41,67,966	5,13,071	5,05,093	11·92	11·65
Arrears, including do.	2,19,554	1,68,336				
Total ...	43,04,432	43,36,302				
Sundry sources of Revenue.						
Abkarry	5,06,885	5,01,471	8	1,060	....	0·21
Sea Customs	3,99,784	4,31,966	19,404	14,996	4·85	3·47
Land Customs	78,699	86,427	2,481	2,473	3·15	2·86
Salt......	11,36,545	10,93,698	1,09,074	1,10,693	9·59	10·12
Stamps	4,14,949	4,73,754	21,621	27,367	5·21	5·78
Income Tax...	182	2,147	....	....	....	....
License Tax...	31,535	44,002	8,357	7,000	23·47	15·91
Total...	68,73,011	69,69,767	6,74,016	6,68,682	9·8	9·59

Receipts—Land Revenue.

35. The receipts under the head of Land Revenue show an increase of Rupees 31,870, notwithstanding that the amount of arrears which outstood at the beginning of the year was much smaller than in the year preceding, and that the demand for the year was much smaller than in the year preceding, and that the demand for the year was slightly below that of the preceding year. This is due entirely to the more punctual realization of the demand.

Abkarry.

36. Under the head of Abkarry there is a decrease of Rupees 5,414, which is accounted for by the fact that the amount of arrears which remained to be collected on account of the previous years was smaller than in the year preceding.

Other heads of Revenue.

37. The variations in the receipts under other heads of Revenue having already been explained under the head of Settlement need no recapitulation here.

Charges—Land Revenue.

38. In Land Revenue charges there is a net decrease of Rupees 7,978, arising out of a gross decrease of Rupees 17,507, made up of the items enumerated below, against a gross increase of Rupees 9,529.

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Particulars of the gross decrease.

Salaries of Collector, etc. ... ... Rupees	11,135	Arises from numerous variations in the disbursement of salaries and allowances to officers of several grades.
Huzur and Talook Establishment, ,,	3,766.	Arises chiefly from one Tahsildar on leave not having drawn his salary, and another Tahsildar, who was employed on other duty elsewhere, having drawn a moiety of his salary in another district.
Miscellaneous ... ... ,,	2,379	In Fusly 1277 certain Pagoda allowances were paid with arrears for the previous year, while in the past year the payment was restricted to current allowances; hence the decrease.
Saderward Charges... ... ... ,,	227	Too small to need any explanation.
Total...	17,507	

Particulars of the gross increase.

Extra Tent allowance ... ... Rupees	1,407	From increased rates, as also from increased movements of the Covenanted Officers on duty.
Medical Charges ... ... ,,	4,429	From the increased scale of the salary of Medical subordinates.
Contingent Charges ... ... ,,	3,437	From increased travelling of the establishment, as also from batta paid to Native Revenue Officers and land-holders for visiting Madras in connection with the Public Works Commission.
Refunds... ... ... ,,	256	Too small to call for any notice.
Total...	9,529	

Abkarry.

39. The increase which appears under this head consists of fees paid for the registration of new Abkarry engagements.

Sea Customs.

40. The decrease under the head of Sea Customs is due to diminished payment of drawback—an item of a contingent nature.

Land Customs.

41. The decrease in Land Custom charges is too inconsiderable to require any notice.

Salt.

42. In Salt charges there appears on the whole a net increase of only Rupees 1,619; the gross increase of nearly Rupees 17,000 arising chiefly from enlarged expenditure on "Petty Construction and Repair," and the transportation of Vedarniem salt to Negapatam on Government account, being nearly counter-balanced by the saving effected in consequence of the charges of shipping salt sold for export trade having ceased to be borne by Government, and by diminished expenditure for kudiwaram, consequent on a diminished out-turn of salt.

Stamps.

43. The increase of Rupees 5,746 in Stamp charges consists of Rupees 1,798 in the item of discount allowed to vendors, (which bears a corresponding proportion to the sales,) and Rupees 3,990 in that of refunds—an item of a contingent nature—counter-balanced by a small decrease of Rs. 42 in contingent expenses.

License Tax.

44. Thecharges under the head of License Tax representsmerely refunds made on objection petitions and appeals, and the item being in its nature variable the decrease of Rupees 1,357, which appears under this head, needs no remark.

Landed property acquired by Public Servants.

45. The subjoined table shows the amount of landed property acquired by public servants during the year under report. The rules on the subject of returns being rendered for such acquisitions have been duly observed by all persons concerned, though in some few instances those holding inferior appointments on the Talook and Village establishments have, from mis-

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apprehension of the rules, not kept to the prescribed date. Due notice has been taken of mistakes thus made, and the rules have been again re-published, with instructions calling the prominent attention of all public servants thereto.

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.		
	Number.	Extent of land.	Assessment.	Number.	Extent of land.	Assessment.
		ACRES.	RS.		ACRES.	RS.
Acquired by purchase and mortgages..	8	95	310	15	163	670
Do. by inheritance	1	1	1	1	3	12

Village and Talook Accounts.

46. The Village and Talook accounts have been examined by officers in charge of the respective divisions during the Jummahbundy, and have been found to be generally correctly kept. I myself examined the accounts of one talook, viz., Pattukottai, of which the Jummahbundy was settled by myself, and found them in a satisfactory state.

Mr. L. B. Burrows, Acting Head Assistant Collector.
Mr. A. Tagg, Assistant Collector in charge of the Combaconum Talook.
Seshiah Sastry, Treasury Deputy Collector.
Mr. E. G. Ricketts, Salt Deputy Collector.
Srinivasa Row, General Deputy Collector.
Venkasamy Row, Huzur Sheristadar.

47. My warmest acknowledgments are due to the officers whose names are enumerated in the margin for the admirable manner in which they have performed their duties, and the great assistance they have been to me.

VALLAM,
31st August 1869.

(Signed) G. LEEMORRIS,
Collector.

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Settlement of Land and extra sources of Revenue in the Sub-division of Tanjore for Fusly 1278, (1868-69,) together with the several Statements and their enclosures prepared in the prescribed forms.

2. In the year under report an attempt was made to get through the Jummahbundy earlier than usual. Petitions for remissions on account of waste and shavy were received up to the end of January, and were forwarded to the Tahsildars for examination about the beginning of February. They were reported upon in the early part of March, and the distribution of puttahs commenced soon after and continued to the 21st of May; whilst in the Fusly preceding the distribution of puttahs did not begin till the 4th of May. The settlement of both the talooks of the Sub-division was conducted by my predecessor, Mr. Best, at the places noted in the margin.

Nannilam Talook.	*Negapatam Talook.*
Puntottam.	Negapatam.
Tirumarugal.	Tevur.
Koradacheri.	Trivalore.
Kulikkarai.	

3. The total number of puttahs issued during the year under report was 25,146 against 24,368 of the preceding year, the increase of 778 being the result of separate registration of sub-divisions of holdings and similar causes. The number of puttahs that remained unaltered is 16,815. Of the remaining 8,331 the alterations required were in 6,554 cases made in the old puttahs, and in 1,777 cases fresh puttahs were given.

4. The arrangement of villages held on various tenures was the same as in the previous Fusly, and is as follows:—

Description of Villages.		Number of Villages.	
		Villages.	Padagairs.
Government villages	Ryotwary (Mottamfysal inclusive)	627	731
	Olungu unaffected by price	9	9
	Do. affected by price	...	1
	Amany	...	Hamlet 1
	Total...	636	741
Inam villages	Shrotriem	9	...
	Survamaniem	79	...
	Given at a fixed money rent	19	...
	Given at a permanent grain rent	11	...
	Total...	118	...
	Grand Total...	754	741

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5. Under the head of Amany there was in Fusly 1277 one hamlet of 29 Acres, but in Fusly 1278 one of its Merassidars came forward and signed the Izara Muchilka for his particular holdings, thus converting it from Amany to Mottamfysal. With this exception there was no alteration in the area of the different villages.

Season.

6. The rain-fall was good, amounting to 35 inches, which was a great improvement on the scarcity of the previous year, as will be seen from the enclosed statement:—

Months.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Inches.	Tenths.	Inches.	Tenths.				
April	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
May	2	5	2	5	...	...	...	...
June	...	...	1	$9\frac{3}{8}$	1	$9\frac{3}{8}$	...	...
July	3	$3\frac{5}{8}$	1	3	...	...	2	$0\frac{5}{8}$
August	3	$8\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	...	...	2	$2\frac{1}{2}$
September	2	$0\frac{1}{8}$	6	5	3	$4\frac{7}{8}$	...	...
October	3	$0\frac{1}{8}$	10	$8\frac{3}{4}$	7	$8\frac{5}{8}$	...	...
November	8	$3\frac{1}{8}$	3	$5\frac{5}{16}$	...	...	4	$7\frac{13}{16}$
December	...	$7\frac{1}{4}$	5	$2\frac{7}{16}$	4	$4\frac{3}{16}$	...	...
January	2	$9\frac{3}{4}$	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	1	$3\frac{1}{4}$
February	...	...	...	$2\frac{1}{4}$	...	$2\frac{1}{4}$	...	...
March	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	25	$7\frac{1}{2}$	35	$4\frac{5}{8}$	9	$7\frac{1}{8}$	...	...

Sanitary.

7. The sanitary condition of the Sub-division during the past Fusly was decidedly good, and even better than that of Fusly 1277. There has been no cholera to speak of during the year under report, whilst 1,286 deaths took place in the previous Fusly by this disease. Considerable attention was paid to the arrangements directed to be made by the late Sanitary Committee in anticipation of the attendance of crowds at the festivals which are annually celebrated at Nagore, Valangany, and Trivalore, and it appears that not a single death was reported in any of these occasions last Fusly. There are also great facilities now for the use of European medicine and treatment, and they are more made use of by the native community in the large towns of Nagore and Negapatam.

8. There appears to have been more deaths last Fusly than in the preceding one from small-pox and fever. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the Vaccination establishment will soon visit this district. Mr. Best did attempt last Jummahbundy to get the ryots to subscribe funds for maintaining a Vaccinator at their own expense, but this they were unwilling to do, and I am afraid cannot be expected. The deaths which occurred by other causes do not require any remarks. Cattle appear to have been altogether free from disease.

Prices.

9. The following statement shows that prices of all kinds of grain have considerably fallen during the year under report:—

Description of Grain.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Paddy, 1st sort, per garce	183	175	......	8
Do. 2nd do. do.	154	153	......	1
Cholum	226	175	......	51
Cumboo	......	152	......	......
Horse-gram	566	253	......	313
Raggy	210	152	......	58

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In the year under report the average price of paddy was 1⅜ per cent. below that of the previous Fusly, though 169 per cent. above what is called the standard price. Prices, therefore, are still high, though slightly easier than what were caused by the indifferent harvests and scanty rain-fall of the previous years.

Ryots' holdings.

10. The annexed table exhibits the operations of the year with regard to Ryots' holdings:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Holdings at the beginning of the year	2,27,230	10,65,621	2,27,587	10,79,254	352	13,646	......	......
Deduct lands given up	3,847	17,584	4,296	19,482	449	1,911	......	......
Remainder......	2,23,383	10,48,037	2,23,291	10,59,772	......	11,735	97	......
Add lands taken up	4,186	31,100	5,162	22,046	981	......	......	9,054
Total holdings......	2,27,569	10,79,137	2,28,453	10,81,818	884	2,681	......	......
Deduct waste remitted......	2,372	9,174	575	2,359	......	......	1,797	6,815
Remainder......	2,25,197	10,69,963	2,27,878	10,79,459	2,681	9,496	......	......
Particulars. { Actual cultivation	2,06,662	10,19,587	2,11,631	10,37,782	4,969	18,195	......	......
Particulars. { Waste charged	18,535	50,376	16,247	41,677	......	......	2,288	8,699

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11. The extent of ryots' holdings at the end of Fusly 1277, as entered in the last Jummahbundy Report, was Acres 2,27,569, assessed at Rupees 10,79,137. These figures would usually be entered as the ryots' holdings at the beginning of the next Fusly, but as some Amany land was converted into Mottamfysal last Fusly this extent was transferred from Amany to Ryotwary, and produces the differences observable.

12. Besides the addition of these Acres 18, assessed at Rupees 117, Acres 5,162, assessed at Rupees 22,046, were newly taken up, and Acres 4,296, assessed at Rupees 19,482, relinquished during the year under report, thus causing on the whole a net increase of Acres 884, assessed at Rupees 2,681, in the aggregate of ryots' holdings, as compared with that of the year preceding.

13. With regard to the entry "Waste remitted Acres 575, assessed at Rupees 2,359," it may appear strange that there was any remission at all in such a favorable season; but the fact is that there is a great deal of land (especially in the Negapatam Talook) rated as Nunjah, which seldom has a chance of a fair supply of water. It is said that the supply channels are in bad order and silted up, but I do not think that this is the case to any large extent. If this were really all that was wanted the ryots would probably take the matter in hand forthwith and clear out the channels themselves, if thereby they could secure a crop. The real fact seems to be that this land is incapable of being irrigated, owing to its being on too high a level, and all the water is drawn off to the lower lying land which secures its two crops, while this land has none. Properly speaking two crops ought not to be allowed until all the land has had one crop, and the owners of low-lying land ought to abstain from taking more water than what they want for their first crop; but this is not attended to, and there is no one to enforce it, the consequence of which is that practically this higher land is incapable of wet cultivation, as nothing short of a deluge would irrigate it. This last year proves the point conclusively; the rain-fall was large, amounting to 35 inches, and the freshes were plentiful and seasonable. It is clear, therefore, that if the land could not be irrigated this year it *never* can be irrigated, and it will be better, therefore, at once to transfer it to the head of Poonjah. This would be in accordance with the principles laid down by the Board of Revenue, No. 134, of Dalyell's compilation; for although the irrigation work may not have been destroyed or injured, yet it may fairly be said that it is incapable of irrigating this land. This course would be far better than the present system of keeping it classed as Nunjah and then remitting the assessment regularly year by year, however good the season may have been. I therefore propose to look into these cases, and wherever remission has been given for five years at once to rate the land as Poonjah, so that at any rate that assessment may be secured regularly in future instead of, as at present, the land being kept permanently waste. If in any year the rain-fall or the freshes are so excessive as to allow of paddy being grown on this land it would be very easy to charge the *kasr* or water-rate for that one exceptional year, but such an occurrence is not to be expected; and even by that arrangement the ryots would gain, as the charge is particularly low in this district, being only Rupees 1-14-3 an Acre, whereas in other districts it is 5 Rupees a cawny, or Rupees 3-12-6 the Acre. As it is many ryots would willingly grow Poonjah crops on such land, but are prevented from doing so by the present rules, which make the ryot liable for the full Nunjah assessment if any kind of crop is raised, even a Poonjah one. As, therefore, it would not pay them well to raise a Poonjah crop and pay the Nunjah assessment they prefer to leave the whole waste, and get the whole assessment remitted. The transfer after all would only do what is being aimed at in the present Survey and Settlement Department, namely, put into a proper class land which has been incorrectly rated before.

Actual cultivation.

14. In the extent of cultivation there is an increase of Acres 4,969 and Rupees 18,195. This arises from the decrease of Acres 1,797 and Rupees 6,815 in waste remitted, *plus* the decrease Acres 2,288 and Rupees 8,699 in waste charged being added to Acres 884 and Rupees 2,681, which is the excess of land taken up over lands given up during the year under report.

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15. The following remissions were also granted during the year under report :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Shavy	16	29	13	......
Remission for second crop	96	230	134	......
Remission for the Katgutgai Kadarambam villages in the Negapatam Talook	2,678	......	......	2,678
Total...	2,790	259	147	2,678
Net Decrease...	......	......	......	2,531

16. The increase in the amount of remission granted for shavy and second crop is so small that it requires no explanation here. The decrease in the amount of remission granted for the Katgutgai Kadarambam villages of the Negapatam Talook is owing to the special privilege of a percentage remission allowed by the Board of Revenue last year for the above villages not having been granted in the year under report.

17. The following abstract statement shows in one view the particulars of cultivation and settlement of Fusly 1278, as compared with those of the year preceding:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Unirrigated or dry land......	24,125	33,864	24,531	34,323	406	459	...	...
Irrigated or wet do.	2,03,444	10,45,273	2,03,922	10,47,495	478	2,222	...	...
Total...	2,27,569	10,79,137	2,28,453	10,81,818	884	2,681	...	...
Add								
Second crop Assessment ...	......	5,841	......	6,957	...	1,116	...	...
Additional do. ...	......	11,895	......	11,861	...	...	...	34
Water Tax......	......	7,418	......	8,446	...	1,028	...	...
Road Cess	......	34,537	......	34,986	...	449	...	...
Total...	......	11,38,828	......	11,44,068	...	5,240	...	...
Deduct Remission.								
Waste remitted	......	9,174	......	2,359	...	...	...	6,815
Other remissions as particularized in Statement No. 4	......	2,790	......	259	...	...	...	2,531
Road Cess	......	12,067	......	......	...	...	...	12,067
Total...	......	24,031	......	2,618	...	...	...	21,413
Remainder	......	11,14,797	......	11,41,450	...	26,653	...	...
Deduct								
Salary of the Village establishment	......	......	......	23,096	...	23,096	...	...
Remainder	......	11,14,797	......	11,18,354	...	3,557	...	...
Add								
Miscellaneous......	......	26,426	......	27,034	...	608	...	...
Grand Total...	......	11,41,223	......	11,45,388	...	4,165	...	...

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18. The settlement of land revenue, it will be observed, has resulted in a nominal net increase of Rupees 4,165, but in the statement two items appear under the heads of "Increase" and "Decrease," which are brought in merely to balance accounts and do not constitute any part of the actual increase or decrease in the revenue as settled during the year under report. These two entries must, therefore, be noticed in the first instance.

Road cess.

19. One of these is the remission on account of road cess. This was given in Fusly 1277, simply because an over-collection was made in the preceding Fusly by mistake. In the past Fusly, however, no remission was given in this way, and consequently the very large sum of Rupees 12,067 appear under the head of "Decrease."

Village establishment.

20. So also there is a large increase of Rupees 23,096 under the head of Deduction on account of the salary of the village establishment: this is owing to that sum having been deducted from the Jummahbundy of the past Fusly and carried to the credit of "Village Service Fund" under a Circular Order issued by the Board of Revenue, whilst such was not done in the year preceding.

21. Hence excluding these two amounts it will appear that there has been a real increase of as large a sum as Rupees 15,194. This is principally owing to the large decrease in remissions for waste and shavy.

22. The increase in the assessment of the ryots' holdings, and the decrease in the different kinds of remissions granted, have been fully explained. The slight increase in Fasul jasti and Water tax is owing mainly to the favorable character of the season. The increase in the Road cess is the amount charged on the additional land brought under cultivation during the year under report. The excess of Rupees 608 in Miscellaneous items consists of various small sums which call for no remark.

Special products.

23. Special products are not cultivated in this district to any great extent. The annexed tabular statement shows the extent to which sugar-cane, indigo, and cotton were cultivated in this division during the past and preceding years:—

Products.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.
Sugar-cane	42	182	14	65	...	...	28	117
Indigo	114	143	24	28	...	...	90	115
Cotton	1	1	......	......	...	...	1	1
Total...	157	326	38	93	...	...	119	233

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24. The following statement exhibits the result of the settlement of all the sources of revenue in the Sub-division:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Jody	10,679	10,681	2	......
Ryotwar	10,92,327	10,83,368	......	8,959
Miscellaneous	26,426	27,034	608	......
Total...	11,29,432	11,21,083	......	8,349
Abkarry	1,23,391	1,23,590	199	......
Sea Customs	3,99,857	4,32,514	32,657	......
Land Customs	79,088	86,506	7,418	......
Stamps	96,134	1,15,635	19,501	......
Total...	18,27,902	18,79,328	51,426	......
Road Cess.				
Ryotwar	34,537	34,986	449	......
Inam	22,673	10,102	......	12,571
Total...	57,210	45,088	......	12,122
License Tax	9,495	......	......	9,495
Certificate Tax	......	12,646	12,646	......
Inam Tax	......	370	370	......
Total...	9,495	13,016	4,521	......
Grand Total...	18,93,607	19,37,432	43,825	......

25. The only item of land revenue which requires an explanation is that of "Ryotwar," wherein there is a decrease of Rupees 8,959. This arises from an increase of Rupees 15,194 in the settlement of the past Fusly, (paragraph 21,) *minus* excess of Road cess (Rupees 449) and of Miscellaneous (Rupees 608) being counter-balanced by Rupees 23,096, which is the pay of village establishment deducted from the Jummahbundy and carried to the credit of Village Service Fund.

Abkarry.

26. The increase of Rupees 199 under Abkarry is accounted for by an increase in the fees paid on account of licenses for selling English liquors, etc.

Sea Customs.

27. Under the head of Sea Customs there is an increase of Rupees 32,657 observable. The chief causes of this increase are given in the table following:—

Articles.	Increase.	Decrease.	Articles.	Increase.	Decrease.
Imports.	RS.	RS.	*Exports.*	RS.	RS.
Piece goods	6,000	......	Grain	54,000	......
Tobacco	1,186	......	Oils	500	......
Coir and Yarn	325	......	Chillies	300	......
Betel-nut	......	18,000	Piece goods	......	670
Timber	......	4,926	Dregs of Gingely oil	......	700
Railway stores	......	2,000			
Kernel	......	3,766	Total...	54,800	1,370
Benjamin	......	940			
Liquors	......	500	Grand Total...	64,311	31,502
Sundries	2,000	......			
Total...	9,511	30,132	Net Increase...	......	32,899

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28. The falling off in the Import duty on betel-nut is owing, firstly, to a Board's order of 1868, directing that the value of this article should be estimated according to the Tariff rate of 7 Rupees per cwt., and not according to the market price as formerly; and, secondly, to the still further reduction of the rate from 7 Rupees to 5½ in the Tariff of 1869: that on Timber is on account of the exemption of that article from duty by Act XI. of 1868: that on Railway stores is owing to the completion of the railway line from Negapatam to Erode: the increase on Grain, export duty, arises from an increased demand in, and consequent exportation to, Ceylon. The other items require no notice.

Land Customs.

29. There is an increase of Rupees 7,418 in the Land Customs. Almost the same causes which operated to bring about a rise in the Sea Customs collections have contributed to bring about this result in the Land Customs.

Stamps.

30. The increase of Rupees 19,501 in the Stamp revenue is due partly to the sale of the Abkarry farm and the consequent renewal of shopkeepers' Muchilkas, partly to the stricter enforcement of the provisions of the Stamp Act, and partly to increased litigation.

License Tax, Certificate Tax, and Income Tax.

31. The collections under these heads call for no remark. The collections under the Income Tax Act (IX. of 1869) had only just been commenced when the Fusly closed.

Road cess.

32. The decrease of Rupees 12,571 under Inam Road Cess arises from the fact of the cess due for Fusly 1266, together with certain penalties awarded under Act III. of 1866, having been included in the demand for Fusly 1277; whilst the tax due for Fusly 1278 only has been entered in the demand for that Fusly.

33. The annexed statement exhibits the Demand, Collection, and Balance of the current Fusly, as also the further collections up to 1st August:—

Items.	Demand.	Collection.	Balance.	Further collection.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Jody	10,681	10,557	124	58	66
Ryotwar	10,83,368	10,66,062	17,306	11,130	6,176
Miscellaneous	27,034	26,964	70	14	56
Total...	11,21,083	11,03,583	17,500	11,202	6,298
Abkarry	1,23,590	1,23,590	......	......	......
Sea Customs	4,32,514	4,32,514	......	......	......
Land Customs	86,506	86,506	......	......	......
Stamps	1,15,635	1,15,635	......	......	......
Total...	18,79,328	18,61,828	17,500	11,202	6,298
Road Cess.					
Ryotwar	34,986	34,910	76	47	29
Inam	10,102	9,109	993	21	972
Total...	45,088	44,019	1,069	68	1,001
Certificate Tax	12,646	12,646	......	......	......
Income Tax	370	370	......	......	......
Total...	13,016	13,016	......	......	......
Grand Total...	19,37,432	19,18,863	18,569	11,270	7,299

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34. It will be observed from the above statement that the proportion between the demand and balance on 31st July is ⅜ths per cent., the greater part of the revenue remaining to be collected being in the Negapatam Talook. The necessary measures will be at once adopted for the collection of the balance.

35. A comparative statement of all kinds of receipts, including current and arrears, is also appended:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Jody	358	10.314	10,672	366	10,557	10,923	251	...
Ryotwar	34,093	10,65,557	10,99,650	27,256	10,66.062	10,93,318	...	6,332
Miscellaneous	1,515	25,948	27,463	478	26,964	27,442	...	21
Total...	35,966	11 01.819	11,37,785	28,100	11.03,583	11.31,683	...	6,102
Abkarry	3,257	1,23,391	1,26,648	......	1,23.590	1,23,590	...	3,058
Sea Customs	......	3,99,857	3,99,857	......	4,32,514	4,32,514	32,657	...
Land Customs	......	79,088	79,088	......	86,506	86,506	7,418	...
Stamps	......	96,134	96,134	......	1,15,635	1,15,635	19,501	...
Total...	39,223	18,00,289	18,39,512	28,100	18,61,828	18.89,928	50,416	..
Road Cess.								
Ryotwar	2,074	22,306	24,380	164	34,910	35,074	10.694	...
Inam	......	17,134	17,134	5,539	9,109	14,648	...	2,496
Total...	2,074	39,440	41,514	5,703	44,019	49,722	8,208	...
License Tax	......	8,495	8,495	......	......	......	...	8,495
Certificate Tax	......	......	......	......	12,646	12,646	12.646	...
Income Tax	......	......	......	......	370	370	370	...
Total...	......	8,495	8,495	......	13,016	13,016	4,521	...
Grand Total...	41,297	18,48,224	18,89,521	33,803	19,18,863	19,52,666	63,145	...

Arrears collection.

36. The arrears outstanding at the close of the Fusly 1277 amounted to Rupees 28,100. Of this Rupees 27,778 have been collected, and Rupees 322 have been struck off the accounts. There is still an irrecoverable balance of 2 Annas, being the quit-rent of a certain piece of land for Fusly 1277 by mistake included in the demand, although it had been converted into a free-hold from the beginning of that Fusly. It is, therefore, requested that permission may be granted to strike off the said sum of Annas 2 from the accounts.

37. The extent to which coercive process was employed in the realization of arrears of land revenue during the past and preceding years is given below. It should be stated here that no money was collected on account of batta for process servers, as all notices issued under Act II. of

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1864 are in this division served by means of Vattam Vetties, and not by temporary Peons appointed for the purpose:—

Fuslies.	Estimated value of property attached.			Value of property actually sold.		
	Real.	Personal.	Total.	Real.	Personal.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1277	487	4,212	4,699	649	5,146	5,795
1278	268	1,791	2,059	306	2,871	3,177

Landed property acquired by public servants.

38. The extent of landed property acquired by public servants during the year under report is 83 Acres, assessed at Rs. 406 against 277 Acres, assessed at Rs. 1,149, in the preceding year.

Talook and Village accounts.

39. The village and talook accounts were carefully examined in the late Jummahbundy tour, and the accounts were, generally speaking, kept correctly.

NEGAPATAM,
16th August 1869.

(Signed) L. R. BURROWS,
for Sub-Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

TRICHINOPOLY.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the Revenue Settlement of this District for Fusly 1278, (1868-69,) with the prescribed Statements.

Officers by whom, and stations where, the settlement was conducted.—Statement No. 1.

2. This statement shows the Officers by whom, and the stations where, the settlement of each talook was conducted, the period occupied by the settlement, and the number of puttahs distributed.

3. I settled the talooks of Trichinopoly, Kulitallay, and Perambaloor; the Acting Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Martin, settled the talook of Moosery; and Mahomed Esuf, the Deputy Collector, settled the Woodiarpolliem Talook.

Variations in the number and tenure of Villages.

4. No variations took place during the Fusly in the number and tenure of villages.

Puttahs.

5. Puttahs and kutchats in the new book-form were issued to the ryots this year, agreeably to the instructions contained in Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 1,206, dated 3rd December 1866, and Board's Proceedings, No. 5,811, dated 10th August 1868.

The expenditure incurred in preparing and issuing puttahs and kutchats in the above form, exclusive of the value of paper and paste-board supplied from the stationery, was Rupees 414-9-11, and the price realized by the issue of these puttahs and kutchats amounted to Rupees 3,160-14-0. This satisfactory result is owing to all the lower Cutcherry servants having lent a hand in sewing, cutting, and binding; and to Captain Walters, the Jail Superintendent, having greatly aided me with convict labor.

Items.		No.	Amount. RS.	A.	P.
Puttahs.	At 2 Annas each	1,491	186	6	0
	At 1 do.	31,231	1,951	15	0
		32,722	2,138	5	0
Kutchats.	At 6 Pies each	32,722	1,022	9	0
			3,160	14	0

The annexed statement shows the number and other particulars of the puttahs for the year :—

Total number of puttahs for Fusly 1277	1,34,716
Deduct puttahs cancelled on relinquishment, transfer of lands, etc.	2,690
	1,32,026
Add newly issued puttahs for fresh holdings, etc.	3,231
Total number of puttahs for Fusly 1278	1,35,257
Of these—	
Puttahs modified by additional entries	38,118
Do. not modified do. do.	93,908

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The number of puttahs issued in book-form was 32,722, and the remaining 1,02,535 puttahs were on loose sheets.

Rain-fall.

6. The average rain-fall during the Fusly under report, as compared with that in the preceding season, is shown in the annexed statement:—

Months.	1867-68.	1868-69.	Increase.	Decrease.
July 1868	2·17	4·77	2·60	......
August ,,	2·73	2·64	......	0·09
September ,,	0·86	5·83	4·97	......
October ,,	11·44	8·13	......	3·31
November ,,	0·89	0·35	......	0·54
December ,,	0·23	0·35	0·02	......
January 1869	5·70	0·43	......	5·27
February ,,	0·25	0·44	0·19	......
March ,,	0·04	0·07	0·03	......
April ,,	0·13	3·22	3·09	......
May ,,	4·27	2·92	......	1·35
June ,,	1·76	0·73	......	1·03
	30·47	29·88	11·00	11·59

Although the statement exhibits a small decrease in the average rain-fall during the Fusly, yet the rains were on the whole more evenly distributed throughout the year, whereas one or two heavy down-pours during the preceding Fusly tended to raise the average of that season.

Season.

7. The season was very favorable for the early crops, but not so with regard to those of later date. The failure of the looked-for rains in November and December was much felt. Fortunately, however, the river springs, nourished by the plentiful south-west monsoon, afforded a bountiful supply, which, when diverted from the river beds by the coramboos or temporary dams, caused a good flow of water to be kept up in the irrigation channels until the very close of the cultivating season. The beneficial effects of these ancient native methods of irrigation were never more clearly manifested than during the past year.

Sanitary condition.

8. In a sanitary point of view the twelve months under report were unusually fortunate. The district was remarkably free from all epidemics, and only a very few cases of cholera have been reported during this period. Not a single instance of cholera occurred within the densely populated municipality, and the thickly crowded festival at Sreerungum was totally free from this disease. The cattle also were healthy and their numbers undiminished by any murrain or disease.

Emigration.

9. The number of emigrants during the year was only 169. Owing partly to the facilities now afforded to the poorer classes to become land-holders on their own behalf, in consequence of the lightened assessment and the proper working of the Durkhast rules, and owing also to working people finding sufficient labor near home, especially on the Railway and in the Public Works Department, very few people were seduced away from this province by the legalized crimps or maistries.

Prices.—Statement No. 2.

10. The prices of all food grains ruled much lower than during the preceding Fusly. The 1st and 2nd sort paddy fell 7 and 8 per cent. respectively, as compared with the preceding Fusly, although these prices were still 8 and 10 per cent. higher than the averages of the last ten years. Dry grains fell from 2 to 7 per cent. below last Fusly, being nevertheless 2 to 8 per cent. higher than the averages of the last ten years. This is attributable partly to the increase

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in the out-turn of the early crops in the upland parts of the district, and partly to the large importations of paddy from Tanjore; which more than compensated for the exportations to the southwards from this province. When the prices actually realized during the year are compared with the commutation rate upon which the new settlement was based, we find that wet grains averaged thrice and dry grains between twice and thrice this settlement standard, thus most amply compensating the cultivating classes for any deficiency in out-turn, owing to diminished rain-fall during the close of the season.

The average prices of paddy and rice of the 1st sort, as given in this statement, do not tally with the averages of those prices as given in the monthly Demand, Collection, and Balance Statements submitted to the Board. The prices of 1st sort paddy and rice were being erroneously entered as prices of 2nd sort paddy and rice in the Price Returns of the Woodiarpolliem Talook from month to month. This mistake was subsequently discovered, and is rectified in this statement. Hence the difference.

Ryots' Holdings.—Statement No. 3.

11. The aggregate extent of land in the ryots' holdings at the commencement of the Fusly was 9,31,897 acres, assessed at Rs. 12,94,616, of which 25,473 acres, assessed at Rs. 24,959, were relinquished, and 44,343 acres, assessed at Rupees 42,122, were newly brought under the plough. Thus the actual extent of land under this head at the close of the Fusly was 9,50,767 acres, with an assessment of Rupees 13,11,779, or 18,870 acres, assessed at Rupees 17,163, in excess of the preceding Fusly.

The Board are doubtless aware that though they have prohibited the "Podoogal" or "Fallow" system it still goes on merrily in an indirect way; the holder gives Razeenamah one year for the land he elects to retain as fallow, and takes it up the next. Most frequently no one else in the village knows of this relinquishment but the Curnum, and in order to stop this arrangement to some extent I have ordered the Razeenamahs to be published in the village, thus letting the neighbours know what has been given up, and what is consequently available to their hands; hitherto all has been kept dark.

Land transferred.—Statement 3 A.

12. This statement shows that out of the 25,473 acres of land entered under the head of "Lands given up" 15 acres, assessed at Rupees 78, have been transferred to that of "Inam." This is caused by certain lands having been purchased and made over partly as compensation for certain Inams taken up for the Railway, and partly for Inams allotted to the Potmakers and Arryars of the Sreerungum Devastanum.* The remaining extent of land under the above head consists chiefly of the following items:—

A.—Lands relinquished on Razeenamahs.

B.—Lands taken up by Government for the Lunatic Asylum, and for the construction of certain roads.

C.—Lands purchased on behalf of Government in consequence of there having been no bidders for them at the sales held for the realization of the arrears of revenue.

The lands forming the last item are utterly unfit for cultivation, and are lying waste. Hence they are included under the head of "Lands given up."

* G. O., dated 15th September 1868, No. 2,392.

Remissions necessary only to the sum of Rupees 400.

13. The actual concessions granted this year were next to nothing, only about Rs. 400. Fortunately for this district the ryots have been given firmly to understand that one of the objects of a lightened assessment was the abolition of these annual alleviations. Thus during the present season remissions were neither asked for by the ryots, nor proffered by the native officials. I only trust that when both the revised settlement and those that took part in it have become things of the past that the old system of remissions, so dear to the hearts of the native subordinates, will not again be brought into existence with all its attendant iniquities.

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Waste remitted.

14. The sum of Rupees 418 was remitted in the Moosery Talook by the Acting Head Assistant Collector, after he had ascertained that the lands in question had suffered from want of water, owing to breaches in the banks of the tanks upon which this cultivation was depending. This item of Rupees 418 was the total amount of actual land revenue foregone at the annual settlement. The other remissions are merely comparative deficiencies between this Fusly and last, and they speedily changed into large augmentations of revenue when examinations regarding them were strictly made.

Waste charged.

15. Waste land to the amount of acres 87,833, assessed at Rupees 72,223-13-0, was charged during the Fusly under report. This, compared with the extent charged in the previous Fusly, shows an increase of acres 11,713, assessed at Rupees 17,024, which is attributable to the causes detailed in paragraph 13 of this report, and to the fact that with a light assessment the ryot, if left to himself, is perfectly willing to pay for what he really elects to hold, without making any trouble or solicitations for remission. Again, with our present low rates of Poonjah assessment large tracts of waste dry land are retained in the puttahs of the ryots for pasturage for their cattle, and for these acres of grass land the owners are only too happy to pay.

Abstract A.—Statement No. 3.

16. The following is the comparative statement showing the extent of cultivation and settlement :—

	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
Dry	8,05,111	7,59,335 12 8	8,23,267	7,74,057 8 8	18,156	14,721 12 0	...	... ...
Wet	1,22,268	5,22,968 2 0	1,27,500	5,37,303 6 0	5,232	14,335 4 0	...	... ...
Total...	9,27,379	12,82,303 14 8	9,50,767	13,11,360 14 8	23,388	29,057 0 0	...	... ...
Add								
Second crop Assessment	......	82,074 8 6	......	85,771 12 0	...	3,697 3 6	...	... ...
Additional do.	......	3,304 4 0	......	3,708 10 0	...	404 6 0	...	... ...
Water Tax	......	17,193 14 0	......	21,269 3 0	...	4,075 5 0	...	... ...
Road Fund	......	20,990 10 5	......	33,874 11 0	...	12,884 0 7	...	... ...
Village Service Fund	......	... ...	......	... ...	...	... ...	...	... ...
Total...	......	1,23,563 4 11	......	1,44,624 4 0	...	21,060 15 1	...	... ...
	......	14,05,867 3 7	......	14,55,985 2 8	...	50,117 15 1	...	... ...
Deduct								
Road Fund	......	47,333 4 1	......	61,667 9 9	...	14,334 5 8	...	... ...
Village Service Fund	......	552 5 3	......	581 14 1	...	29 8 10	...	... ...
Other remissions particularized in Statement No. 4	......	55,950 2 0	......	16,549 3 6	...	... ...	...	39,400 14 6
Total...	......	1,03,835 11 4	......	78,798 11 4	...	14,863 14 6	...	39,400 14 6
Remaining Beriz.	......	13,02,031 8 3	......	13,77,186 7 4	...	75,154 15 1	...	... ...
Add Miscellaneous items	......	46,711 9 3	......	61,051 7 11	...	14,339 14 8	...	... ...
Total...	......	13,48,743 1 6	......	14,38,237 15 3	...	89,494 13 9	...	... ...

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The actual cultivation exhibits an increase of 23,388 acres, assessed at Rupees 29,057. This is attributable partly to the favorable nature of the season at its outset, and partly to the steady increase in the extent of land taken up for cultivation consequent on the lightened assessment under the new settlement. Nevertheless much remains to be done to effect the fulfilment of Mr. Puckle's prediction, that the 4 lakhs foregone at the settlement would ere long* be made good to the State. I annex a brief statement showing how matters stand regarding this most interesting subject :—

* In five years from time of settlement.

			RS.	A.	P.
Beriz of Fusly 1273, previous to new settlement.	Ryotwar ...	... ...	16,19,404	14	9
	Miscellaneous	... ...	27,092	6	1
		Total...	16,46,497	4	10
Beriz of Fusly 1274, the year of new settlement.	Ryotwar ...	... ...	12,20,006	13	0
	Miscellaneous	... ...	38,202	1	0
		Total...	12,58,208	14	0
Amount thus relinquished	... ...	... ...	3,88,288	6	10
Beriz of subsequent Fuslies—					
1275	Ryotwar ...	... ...	12,52,237	14	0
	Miscellaneous	... ...	46,127	3	0
		Total...	12,98,365	1	0
1276	Ryotwar ...	... ...	13,03,997	12	9
	Miscellaneous	... ...	49,125	15	6
		Total...	13,53,123	12	3
1277	Ryotwar ...	... ...	13,02,031	8	3
	Miscellaneous	... ...	46,711	9	3
		Total...	13,48,743	1	6
1278	Ryotwar ...	... ...	13,77,186	7	4
	Miscellaneous	... ...	61,051	7	11
		Total...	14,38,237	15	3
Amount still remaining to be made good to fulfil Mr. Puckle's prediction ...	... ...	... ...	2,08,259	5	7

Cultivation of special Products.—Statement No. 3, Enclosure B.

17. There is an increase in the cultivated area under indigo and sugar-cane. This is attributable partly to the season having been more favorable for the cultivation of those products, and partly to the increased demand for them. The cultivated area of cotton, as shown in the statement now submitted, is less by 3,008 acres, assessed at Rupees 3,587, than the aggregate area made up from the monthly statements submitted to the Board. This is owing to the cultivation of "Ottadum," or cotton sown together with other crops having been included under this head in the aforementioned monthly statements, whereas it is altogether excluded from the present return.

Irrigation Works.

18. The subjoined statement shows the principal sources of irrigation with the extent of cultivation and assessment dependent upon each.

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Talooks.	Sources of Irrigation.	Ayacut. Acres.	Ayacut. Assessment.	Cultivation. Acres.	Cultivation. Assessment.
			RS.		RS.
Trichinopoly.	Wyacondan	19,437	1,14,401	18,475	1,10,132
	Ramavoitallay	978	5,462	976	5,451
	Yelundavoitallay	1,824	10,509	1,817	10,495
	Poodoo Iyen Voikal	3,386	19,791	3,379	19,767
	Vadakien Voikal	3,581	25,775	3,565	25,700
	Therkien Voikal	2,988	20,018	2,982	19,983
	Paroovala Voikal	8,312	40,001	8,308	39,842
	Nauttoo Voikal	3,145	18,564	3,132	18,095
	Malatar	2,583	12,272	2,575	12,272
	Pangoony	5,744	24,178	5,712	23,931
	Total...	51,978	2,90,971	50,921	2,85,668
Moosery.	Moosery Nauttoo Voikal	1,924	11,514	1,911	11,450
	Totiem Parea Voikal	1,340	8,491	1,336	8,473
	Totiem Chinna Voikal	1,622	10,498	1,606	10,427
	Iyar	2,277	8,682	2,201	8,309
	Total...	7,163	39,185	7,054	38,659
Kulitallay.	Maradoor Nauttoo Voikal	3,908	28,486	3,875	28,280
	Kristnaroyapuram Voikal	1,130	6,887	1,105	6,798
	Nunga Voikal	1,885	9,961	1,836	9,776
	Ambravatty	2,350	6,036	2,266	5,801
	Total...	9,273	51,370	9,082	50,655
Woodiarpolliem.	Ponairy Voikal	3,609	20,883	3,356	12,635

Ruined Tanks.

19. Only one ruined tank was asked for under the Board's rules, and the applicant afterwards repented of his request and cried off; the fact is the present Nunjah assessment is so light that the indulgent standard of Rupees 2 per acre for the tax under these privately restored reservoirs is no indulgence at all in the eyes of our cultivators.

Remissions.—Statement No. 4.

20. As already mentioned in paragraph 13 no remissions were granted this year on account of waste or shavy. A sum of Rupees 4 is entered under the head of "Tarum Cummy." This is owing to a certain field which was erroneously entered in the accounts as "Permanently improved Punjah" having been now brought under the head of Ordinary Punjah. It will appear from this statement that the remissions under the heads of "Fasal Cummy or second crop not cultivated," and Water Tax," exceeded those of the preceding Fusly under the corresponding heads by Rupees 2,657 and Rupees 2,254 respectively. This naturally attracted my attention, and inquiry speedily showed that the Curnums had been committing wholesale frauds in keeping back from the accounts both wet lands cultivated with second crops, and dry lands irrigated by Government water. The scrutiny very soon more than compensated for the amount thus said to be deficient under these heads, and the examinations thereby inaugurated have already recovered Rupees 65,000 otherwise lost to Government, as will be detailed hereafter.

Statement No. 5.

21. This statement shows the demand, collection, and balance of the "Land Revenue Miscellaneous items." In the item "Jody on sundry Inams" the amounts of demand on account

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of Personal and Service Inams, under the head of Arrears, do not tally with the corresponding amounts entered under the head of Balance in the statement for the preceding Fusly. This is owing to a sum of Rupees 189, which ought to have been brought under the item "Personal," having been erroneously included under the item of "Service" in the statement submitted last year. This mistake has been corrected in this statement.

The aggregate amount of demand was Rupees 61,051, or an increase of Rupees 14,340, as compared with that of the preceding Fusly. The causes of this augmentation are as follow :—

The increase of Rupees 12,008, under the item "Land cultivated but not included in the Jummahbundy," is attributable partly to the settlement having been made very early this year, but mainly to the commencement of the investigations after the settlement, which so frightened some of the Curnums into propriety that they hastened to bring to account what they had wittingly left out, lest their fraudulent omissions should be detected by the Examiners.

The increase of Rupees 1,397, under the head of "Revenue fines," is owing to the fines imposed on village servants under Regulation IX. of 1822 for frauds brought to light by the present Azmaish.

Similarly the increase of Rupees 1,534, under the head of Inam Water-rate, is owing to this subject having been taken in hand by the Azmaishdars, who have also, subsequently to the close of the Fusly, discovered large tracts of Inam lands annually watered from Government sources free of charge. The balance of Rupees 2,364 is almost entirely due upon the Inam village of Daranelloor. I have already addressed the Board upon this matter, and they have submitted it to Government with recommendation for realization by sale of the lands concerned.

The differences under the remaining items being comparatively slight call for no remarks.

Zemindaries, Mootahs, etc.—Statement No. 6.

22. This statement exhibits a balance of Rupees 8,882 at the close of the Fusly, of which Rupees 3,747 have been since realized, and the balance of Rupees 5,135 is under collection.

Abstract.—Statement No. 7.

23. Subjoined is the comparative abstract of collections—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled	6,974	45,862	52,836	4,027	45,522	49,549	....	3,287
Quit-rent on Shotriem,etc.,Villages.	2,225	9,331	11,556	2,718	9,763	12,481	925	......
Ryotwar...	13,505	12,63,589	12,77,094	36,852	13,60,605	13,97,457	1,20,363	......
Miscellaneous... ...	4,536	38,602	43,138	8,524	50,698	59,222	16,084	......
Total...	27,240	13,57,384	13,84,624	52,121	14,66,588	15,18,709	1,37,372	3,287
Abkarry...	10,545	1,16,463	1,27,008	3,789	1,17,465	1,21,254	....	5,754
License Tax... ...	......	7,100	7,100	......	....	....	....	7,100
Profession and Trade Tax... ...	......	....	....	......	5,958	5,958	5,958	......
Income Tax... ...	......	....	....	......	943	943	943	......
Stamps...	......	93,685	93,685	......	1,09,340	1,09,340	15,655	......
Grand Total...	37,785	15,74,632	16,12,417	55,910	17,00,294	17,56,204	1,59,928	16,141

Permanently settled.

24. The decrease of Rupees 3,287, under the head of "Permanently settled," is owing to the collection under this head in the preceding Fusly having included the realization of the arrears of the previous Fusly.

Ryotwar and Miscellaneous.

There is an increase of Rupees 1,20,363 under the head of Ryotwar, and of Rupees 16,084 under that of Miscellaneous. This must be attributed to an earlier settlement, and to greater exertions having been made in realizing the kists with punctuality. I had at one time hoped to

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have collected all the land revenue within the Revenue year, but the Woodiarpolliem Tahsildar failed me, although the others did right well, particularly the Moosery Tahsildar. But the Board's orders,* preventing our acting in accordance with the provisions of the law for the realization of arrears, tends to prevent any remarkably satisfactory collection result at the close of the year.

* Circular Order No. I of 1869.

Abkarry.

The decrease of Rupees 5,754 in the item of "Abkarry" is due to the fact that there were less arrears to be collected than during the preceding Fusly.

License Tax.

There is a decrease of Rupees 7,100 under the head of "License Tax," and an increase of Rupees 5,958 under that of "Profession and Trade Tax." This is owing to Act XXI. of 1867 having been repealed, and Act IX. of 1868 having come into force in May 1868.

Income Tax.

A sum of Rupees 943 was collected during the Fusly on account of Income Tax, which came into force in April last.

Stamps.

The increase of Rupees 15,655 under "Stamps" is the result of the Stamp law being more correctly understood by the people, and more strictly carried out by the authorities. Notice is, moreover, taken of deficient stamps brought for registration, and an additional Moonsiff's Court has lately been opened at Trichinopoly itself.

Statement No. 7.

25. There is a balance of Rupees 42,726 on account of all sources of revenue at the close of the Fusly. Of this sum Rupees 14,358 were realized up to 31st July last, and the balance, viz., Rupees 28,368, is under collection. A statement showing the Talookwar particulars of the demand and collections of land and other sources of revenue is submitted agreeably to the instructions contained in Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 689, dated 30th June 1869. The Enclosure A. of Statement No. 7 is not forwarded, as the Board consider it to be unnecessary.

Arrears.—Statement No. 8.

26. There was a balance of Rupees 63,119-9-3 on account of all sources of revenue at the beginning of the Fusly. Of this sum Rupees 57,911-15-1 have been collected, leaving a balance of Rupees 5,207-10-2, of which Rupees 4,261-11-5 are recoverable, Rupees 372-5-3 are doubtful, and Rupees 573-9-6 are irrecoverable, in consequence of death, desertion, and poverty of the defaulting ryots.

A sum of Rupees 1,860-9-4 was recommended for remission in last Fusly, and sanction was received only for Rupees 1,727-4-10. The remaining sum of Rupees 133-4-6 consisted, as stated in paragraph 40 of the Jummahbundy Report for the last Fusly, of trifling sums over-collected up to Fusly 1276 from certain ryots, and erroneously credited to the balance due by other ryots, and is irrecoverable. I beg, therefore, to request the sanction of the Board for the remission of Rupees 706-14-0 in the aggregate.

Coercive Process.—Statement No. 8 A.

27. The number of cases in which coercive process had to be employed this year was 1,533, and the amount of arrears, for the recovery of which such measures were resorted to, was Rupees 18,472. The value of property, both real and personal, attached amounted to Rupees 11,116, while the value of property actually sold amounted to Rupees 4,737, or Rupees 2,322 less than the value of property sold last year.

Vide Board's Proceedings, No. 62, dated 8th January 1869.

28. A sum of Rupees 4,888 was realized from revenue defaulters for the services of processes, etc , under Madras Act II. of 1864, of which Rupees 4,291 were paid to persons deputed under the Act. There is thus a balance of Rupees 597 under the head of "Process Service Fund."

Statement No. 9.

29. The gross collections from all sources of revenue amounted to Rupees 17,56,204, and the aggregate charges to Rupees 1,58,006, thus leaving a balance of Rupees 15,98,198 at the close of the Fusly.

There is an increase of Rupees 24,327 in item "Salary of the Collectors, etc." This is owing no the salary of Mr. Cadell, the Acting Civil and Session Judge of this district, and the permatent Collector of the district of South Canara, having been debited under this item.

The decrease of Rupees 1,450 in the item "Huzoor and Talook establishments" is owing to the salary of the Tahsildar of Kulitallay having not been drawn during the Fusly owing to his absence on leave.

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The increase of Rupees 1,885 in the item "Miscellaneous" is attributable to the batta paid to the Tahsildars and Merassidars who attended the Public Works Commission at Madras from this district.

The differences in the other items call for no special remarks.

Talook and Village Accounts.

30. The Village and Talook accounts were in most instances found to be correctly kept.

Land acquired by public servants.

31. No lands were acquired by public servants during the Fusly under report.

Remarks regarding the Revenue investigations now in progress.

32. In conclusion, I must bring to the Board's notice that I found the annual examinations of cultivation were but nominal, and that the only result was the realization of small illicit gains by the examining officers. I finished the settlement very early this year, and called upon the Curnums to furnish within a fixed time correct accounts of concealed cultivation, and of such Poramboke lands as are referred to in paragraph 63 of Mr. Puckle's report, dated 30th May 1865. I also deputed as many Cutcherry servants and Talook Goomastahs as could be possibly spared for the purposes of examining into the above items, but these hands were manifestly insufficient for such a task.

Mr. Master was kind enough at this juncture to place at my disposal the services of the settlement party at Salem, and a strict examination which is still progressing was set on foot.

Vide Board's Proceedings, 24th March 1869.

The result was the discovery of annual defalcations in the following instances :—

(1.)—Lands improperly deducted at the new settlement as "Uncultivable," when in reality they are and always have been double crop wet lands.

(2.)—Dry lands irrigated by Government water without being charged the proper waterrate.

(3.)—Lands annually capable of bearing two crops, but entered at the settlement as one crop, owing to the false representations of the owner, aided by the village officers, whereby the former thus quietly obtained a second crop free of assessment year after year.

(4.)—Garden lands irrigated by baling from river channels not charged.

Again, in cases of Inam lands water-tax was not regularly collected when dry Inam lands were irrigated from Government sources, nor was the second crop regularly charged when registered. One crop Inam lands were a second time cultivated with wet produce. Orders issued upon this point had been grossly neglected, and the existence of the preliminary register, which was the foundation upon which these charges should be made, was practically ignored.

Subjoined is a statement showing the amount of annual losses sustained by Government, and hitherto brought to light by the present examination in the foregoing items :—

Items.	Iyen.			Inam.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Cultivation on Poramboke lands	6,939	9	0	....			6,939	9	0
Do. on Waste	4,600	0	0	....			4,600	0	0
Dry converted into Wet...	1,089	10	0	....			1,089	10	0
Do. do. into Woojaperi...	895	5	0	....			895	5	0
Water Tax...	4,249	0	0	2,399	6	0	6,648	6	0
Second crop cultivation, Nunjah...	2,493	15	0	3,474	3	0	5,968	2	0
Do. do. Woojaperi...	1,734	6	0	....			1,734	6	0
Tax on Trees...	153	6	0	....			153	6	0
Sevoy Jummah...	912	9	0	....			912	9	0
Total...	23,067	15	0	5,873	9	0	28,941	8	0
From Fusly 1274 to 1277. Iyen							26,880	0	0
From Fusly 1274 to 1277. Inam							9,622	9	0
Total...							36,502	9	0
Grand Total...							65,444	1	0

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These examinations are still continuing, and will, I apprehend, result not only in the recovery of a lakh of Rupees otherwise lost to the State, but also form a permanent augmentation to the yearly land tax, by bringing to light the true amounts which these hitherto concealed sources of revenue should annually yield.

TRICHINOPOLY, (Signed) G. BANBURY,
18th August 1869. Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

MADURA.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Annual Report on the Settlement and collections of the Revenue of the Madura District for Fusly 1278, (A. D. 1868-69,) together with the explanatory Statements particularized in the accompanying list.

2. The Report of the Sub-Collector on the Settlement of his Division is also submitted.

Places at which Settlement was made.

3. Statement No. 1 shows the officers by whom, and the places at which, the settlement was made.

4. Of the four talooks comprising the Collector's Division I settled the talook of Periacolum; Mr. LeFanu, the Assistant Collector, the talook of Melur; and Devasikamany Pillay the other two talooks, Madura and Tirumungalum.

5. The distribution of puttahs was commenced on the 8th April 1869, and finished on the 25th June.

6. The following abstract shows the number of villages and their description in comparison with those of the preceding year:—

Items.	In Fusly 1277.	In Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ryotwar	781	780	..	1
Amany	$8\frac{3}{4}$	$8\frac{3}{4}$	...	...
Inam and Shrotriem	$570\frac{7}{16}$	$570\frac{7}{16}$	...	...
Poliaput, etc., Villages	$4,099\frac{11}{32}$	$4,099\frac{11}{32}$	...	...
Total...	$5,459\frac{17}{32}$	$5,458\frac{17}{32}$	...	1

Variations in the number and tenure of Villages.

7. The transfer of the village Nallampoliem from the Palany Talook to that of Darapuram in the Coimbatore District, under the Notification published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette*, dated 17th July 1868, caused the decrease of one village under the head Ryotwar.

Remarks on the number of Puttahs.

Fusly.	Number of Puttahs.
1277	1,33,853
1278	1,38,272
Increase	4,419

8. The new form of puttah received with the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 3rd December 1866, was adopted during the settlement of the year under report. The number of puttahs issued during the year under notice was 1,38,272, as entered in the margin, showing an increase of 4,419 over those of Fusly 1277. As new puttahs were issued to all there were no renewals.

Season.

9. The season during the year under review have on the whole been favorable, and the rain-fall above the average, consequently the supply of food has been sufficient for the people, and cheaper than last year.

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10. A statement of the monthly rain-fall is annexed. I do not myself believe in the accuracy of the calculations, but I hope next season to be able to furnish more reliable statistics:—

Sections.	1868. April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Total.	October.	November.	December.	1869. January.	February.	March.	Total.	Grand Total.
Northern Section.	1 74·5	11 84·0	7 6·5	14 47·5	3 21·5	7 83·0	46 17·0	11 98·5	4 60·5	1 32·0	1 52·5	1 10·5	0 22·575	20 54·575	66 71·575
Southern Section.	2 25·0	9 91·5	4 35·0	7 70·5	3 4·5	7 65·0	34 91·5	20 44·5	14 6·5	...	1 56·0	...	0 45·0	36 52·0	71 43·5
Eastern Section.	...	0 70·0	2 88·0	10 93·5	1 70·0	3 87·5	20 9·0	17 70·5	3 25·0	...	2 50·0	...	...	23 45·5	43 54·5
Western Section.	...	4 55·0	2 49·0	0 22·5	0 33·0	5 78·5	13 38·0	4 24·5	4 83·0	0 25·0	2 56·0	1 32·0	...	13 20·5	26 58·5

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Sanitary condition of the District.

11. The sanitary condition of the district has been on the whole better than in the past year;- there were some cases of small-pox and fever in Melur and other places, but they were not generally of a virulent type. Cattle generally have been healthy, but there were a good many cases of murrain in Dindigul in August. During the latter part of the year cattle have suffered a good deal from want of drinking water in the Melur and Dindigul Divisions, but there has been no serious mortality amongst them. The money placed at my disposal for the improvement of the supply of drinking water has, I am glad to say, been judiciously and economically expended, so that though the amount is small the outlay has done a great deal of good.

Fusly.	No. of persons emigrated.
1277	42,168
1278	33,594
Decrease	8,574

12. The figures noted in the margin show the number of persons who emigrated to Ceylon. I attribute the decrease partly to the fact that prices were lower than in the preceding year, and partly to the employment which was afforded to the poorer classes.

Prices.

13. Annexed is a short abstract showing the price of agricultural produce during the year under notice, compared with that of Fuslies 1276-77, as well as the commutation prices on which the land revenue of the district was originally assessed:—

Description of grain.	Commutation rates.	Fusly 1276.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
Paddy, 1st sort, per garce	59	322	254	226
Do. 2nd do. do.		290	231	202
Cholum or Javary	35	295	228	185
Cumboo or Bagira	45	301	227	195
Raggy	50	314	222	186
Horse-gram	55	418	274	259
Harrack or Varagu	38	168	168	100

14. This statement shows that grain generally was about 17 per cent. cheaper this year than last, and there has been no distress arising from want of food.

Enclosure B. in Statement No. 3.

Fusly.	Ryots' holdings. Acres.
1277	8,32,690
1278	8,75,356
Increase	42,666

15. The large increase in holdings is mainly attributable to "Enclosed waste" having been included in the ryots' puttahs in the Dindigul Division under the orders of the Board, conveyed in their Proceedings, No. 1,129, dated 24th February 1865. The increase in the actual cultivation contributed to this result.

Actual Cultivation.—Statement No. 3.

16. I append an abstract showing the actual cultivation after deducting the waste charged:—

Items.	Fusly 1277. Extent.	Fusly 1278. Extent.	Increase. Extent.	Decrease. Extent.
Dry	6,19,256	6,45,118	25,862	...
Wet	1,25,019	1,31,941	6,922	...
Total...	7,44,275	7,77,059	32,784	...

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ABSTRACT A.—Comparative Statement of Cultivation and Settlement.

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry...	6,66,575	8,74,698 5 11	6,65,735	8,78,239 14 4	......	3,542	840	...
Wet...	1,25,572	5,40,031 8 9	1,37,977	5,84,385 7 6	12,405	44,854	...	...
Total......	7,92,147	14,14,729 9 8	8,03,712	14,62,625 5 10	12,405	47,896	840	...
Net......	...	... ...	......	... ...	11,565	...	...	...
Add								
Second crop Assessment......	...	44,188 12 0	......	46,688 5 5	......	4,504	...	...
Additional Assessment...	...	230 8 9	......	342 5 7	......	112	...	...
Water Tax	...	... .	......	... ...	......	...	...	...
Road Fund...	...	... ...	......	1,28,973 15 8	......	1,28,974	...	...
Village Service Fund.	...	2,753 12 4	......	... ...	......	...	...	2,753
Total......	...	14,61,897 5 9	......	16,35,680 0 1	......	1,76,486	..	2,753
Deduct Remissions.								
Road Fund	...	... ...	......	1,28,973 15 8	......	1,28,974	...	...
Village Service Fund.	...	2,753 12 4	......	... ...	......	...	...	...
Other remissions, as particularized in Statement No. 4...	...	2,75,835 3 6	......	1,52,969 4 6	......	...	....	1,22,866
Total......	...	2,78,588 15 10	......	2,76,943 3 9	......	1,28,974	...	1,25,619
Remaining Beriz......	...	11,83,308 5 11	......	13,58,686 12 4	......	1,75,378	...	...
Add Miscellaneous items.........	...	56,711 5 1	......	47,316 6 9	.....	...	...	9,395
Total......	...	12,40,019 11 0	......	14,06,003 3 1	......	1,65,983	...	...

17. The large increase in the dry and wet cultivation, as entered in the above statement, is owing to the general favorableness of the season; it does not, however, represent a proportionate increase of revenue, as a large sum was necessarily expended in granting remissions on lands that were left waste, and in cases where the yield was below the average.

Waste remitted with reasons.

Fusly.	RS.
1277.........	1,18,831
1278.................	1,12,623
Decrease	708

18. The remissions granted on account of waste are shown in the margin. About two-thirds of this sum, or Rupees 73,031, were granted in the Dindigul Division where the whole Punjah waste was remitted under the orders of the Board, conveyed in their Proceedings of the 1st March last, No. 1,341.

Cultivation of special products, such as Cotton, Indigo, etc.

19. The increase in cotton cultivation is due to the nature of the season. The decrease of 364 Acres in the cultivation of indigo is owing to the heavy rain that fell in May and June.

ABSTRACT.

Item.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Cotton..	86,919	90,180	3,261	...
Indigo..	434	40	...	394
Sugar-cane......................................	162	188	26	...

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Principal sources of Irrigation.

20. Subjoined is an abstract showing the principal sources of irrigation, with the extent of Ayacut and the cultivation under them:—

Name of irrigation works.	Ayacut.		Cultivation of Fusly 1278.		
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Actual revenue derived.
1	2	3	4	5	6
	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.	RS.
Madakolum Channel	2,497	12,209	1,902	9,465	12,018
Nelayore do.	7,202	32,429	5,430	24,660	29,995
Vadagarai do.	4,052	22,092	3,718	20,220	25,717
Thengarai do.	2,198	11,598	2,065	10,821	13,552
Uthamathakal.....................	2,255	12,226	2,190	11,974	11,974

Ruined Tanks.

21. No ruined tanks were made over to the ryots in the year under report.

Amany Villages.

Fusly.	RS.
1277	878
1278	1,630
Increase.........	752

22. The Amany revenue of the year under report exceeds that of the preceding year by Rupees 752. This is owing to the increase in cultivation.

Shamilat Bunger.—Statement No. 4.

Fusly.	RS.
1277	3,912
1278	22,195
Increase............	18,283

23. Nearly the whole of the remissions granted on account of "Shamilat Bunger," or portions of fields left waste, occurs in the Dindigul Division. The Sub-Collector observes that the remission was necessitated by the exceptional character of the season in that part of the district.

Withered Crops.

Fusly.	RS.
1277	99,134
1278	16,272
Decrease............	82,862

24. The greater portion of the remission under this head was granted in the Madura Talook, where the rain-fall was insufficient.

25. The percentages remitted, and the number of villages in which they were granted, are given below:—

	Percentage.	Number of villages.	Remissions.		
			RS.	A.	P.
Principal Divisions.............	20	...	2,490	0	0
	12½	84	5,748	0	0
	20		10,563	0	0
	Total...	84	18,801	0	0
Sub-Division..	...	10	...	...	...
	15	87	13,566	15	7
	20	28	5,757	1	3
	25	34	11,192	5	8
	30	35	11,900	3	6
	35	36	19,086	11	11
	40	2	1,008	12	4
	50	10	8,638	3	3
	75	9	8,258	5	0
	Total...	251	79,408	10	6
	Grand Total...	...	98,209	0	0

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Remissions.—Rupees 893.

26. Remission was granted as usual on the cultivated lands submerged by the water of certain tanks in the Madura and Tirumungalum Talooks.

Rupees 9,564.

27. The next item to be noticed is Teerwah Cummy or remission of part of the tax on Nunjah lands, which were cultivated with those kinds of produce which require less than the full complement of water. The bulk of this remission occurs in the Dindigul Division, where it was necessitated by the dryness of the season.

28. In concluding this branch of my report I have much pleasure in remarking on the judicious and liberal spirit which the Divisional Officers have displayed in dispensing the remissions that were required in their several charges.

Miscellaneous items under Land and other heads of Revenue.—Statement No. 5.

Fusly.	Rs.
1277	67,023
1278	51,289
Decrease	15,734

29. The revenue under this head amounts to Rupees 51,289, falling short of last year's revenue by Rupees 15,734. The main cause of this decrease is the transfer from this head to "Land Revenue, Ryotwar proper" of the assessment on the enclosed waste in the Sub-Division, alluded to in paragraph 38 of last year's report.

General result of the Land Revenue Settlement.

30. I shall now pass on to the general result of the revenue settlement for the year under review. It is on the whole satisfactory, and, as shown by the annexed tabular statement, exhibits a net increase of Rupees 1,63,711 on the revenue of the preceding year:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Permanently settled	7,85,160	7,85,160	...	...
Jody of Inams and Shrotriem villages	26,896	26,896	...	...
Ryotwar	11,83,308	13,58,686	1,75,378	...
Miscellaneous	62,506	50,839	...	11,667
Total	20,57,870	22,21,581	1,75,378	11,667
Net Increase	...	...	...	1,63,711

Ryotwar.—Increase Rupees 1,75,378.

31. The large increase under this head is chiefly owing to the generally favorable character of the season.

Miscellaneous items under Land Revenue.—Decrease Rupees 11,667.

32. The decrease under this head is accounted for in paragraph 29, and seems to call for no further comment.

Sundry sources of Revenue.

33. The following statement shows the settlement of the "Sundry sources of Revenue"

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during the year under notice, it exhibits an increase of Rupees 15,630 over that derived from these sources in Fusly 1277:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Abkarry	1,37,541	1,32,890	...	4,651
Salt	6,17,736	5,95,884	...	21,852
Sea Customs	25,835	28,307	2,472	...
Stamps	2,44,638	2,92,724	48,086	...
License or	38,792	29,712	...	9,080
Income Tax	...	655	655	...
Total...	10,64,542	10,80,172	51,213	35,583
Net...	...	...	15,630	...

Abkarry.—Decrease Rupees 4,651.

34. The Abkarry leases expired at the close of the past Fusly; the farms were, therefore, put up to auction, they sold extremely well, although the total sum realised was less by Rupees 4,651 than the amount quoted at the preceding sale.

Salt.—Decrease Rupees 21,852.

35. The principal cause of the decrease in this item was (as explained in my Administration Report) the closing of the two salt stations of Sholiakudy and Manakudy and the insufficiency of the supply at Vattanum to meet the increased demand produced thereby. The increase of cultivation during the year helps to account for the decrease.

36. The particulars of the salt transactions are as follow:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Quantity in store in the beginning of the Fusly	5,54,158 39	5,12,820 30	... ...	41,338 9
Quantity manufactured during the Fusly	3,45,600 0	2,69,732 0	... ...	75,868 0
Given by measurement	455 15	589 0	133 25	... ...
Spontaneous salt	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Total...	3,46,055 15	2,70,321 0	133 25	75,868 0
	9,00,214 14	7,83,141 30	133 25	1,17,206 9
Deduct sales...	3,81,154 20	3,57,900 0	... ...	23,254 20
Remainder...	5,19,059 34	4,25,241 30	... ...	93,818 4
Wastage written off under sanction of Government	6,239 4	13,438 30	7,199 26	... ...
Remainder...	5,12,820 30	4,11,803 0	... ...	1,01,017 30
Wastage recommended to be struck in the Settlement Report for Fusly 1277.	13,438 30	... ...	... ...	13,438 30
Wastage now recommended to be struck off	... ...	11,942 25	11,942 25	... ...
	... ...	11,942 25	... ...	1,496 5
Balance...	4,99,382 0	3,99,860 15	... ...	99,521 25

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37. Statement showing the details of Home and Inland consumption, as well as the quantity imported to Tinnevelly:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.		Quantity received from Tinnevelly.	
Home consumption	3,80,986	20	3,57,506	0	...	...	23,480	20	38,585	0
Inland consumption—										
Coimbatore............... ...	...	...	107	0	107	0	...	...	...	...
Trichinopoly...	147	0	127	0	...	...	20	0	...	...
Salem.................	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Tanjore.........	21	0	...	...	...	...	21	0	...	...
Tinnevelly......	...	...	160	0	160	0	...	...	...	...
Total...	168	0	394	0	267	0	41	0	...	...
Grand Total...	3,81,154	20	3,57,900	0	267	0	23,521	20	38,585	0

Sea Customs.—Increase Rupees 2,472.

38. The increased exportation of grain this year accounts for the rise in the Sea Customs revenue.

Stamps.—Increase Rupees 48,086.

39. The increased sale of stamps is principally due to the institution of two suits regarding the Shevagungah Zemindary.

License Tax.—Decrease Rupees 9,080.

40. The decrease in this item is owing to the exemption from assessment (under the Certificate Act) this year of persons whose incomes ranged from Rupees 200 to 500, and who were assessed last year under Act XXI. of 1867, and also to the Certificate Tax having been abolished in the month of April 1869.

Income Tax.—Increase Rupees 655.

41. The Income Tax, Act IX. of 1869, was only brought into operation in this district in the month of April 1869, so that the collections had only commenced at the close of the year.

Abstract showing the total Land Revenue.

42. A statement showing the revenue from all sources this year, as compared with that of the previous Fusly, is given below:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Land Revenue.......................	20,57,870	22,21,581	1,63,711	...
Sundry sources of Revenue...................... ...	10,64,542	10,80,172	15,630	...
Total...	31,22,412	33,01,753	1,79,341	...

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Collections.

43. The following abstract shows the collections of the year under reference in comparison with those of last year:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Permanently settled...	2,64,184	3,24,488	5,88,672	3,43,182	2,99,211	6,42,393	53,721	...
Jody on Shrotriem villages ...	4,014	18,214	22,228	8,783	24,360	33,143	10,915	...
Ryotwar...	1,07,319	9,49,165	10,56,484	2,24,872	11,89,245	14,14,117	3,57,633	...
Miscellaneous ...	18,401	18,343	36,744	43,471	27,939	71,410	34,666	...
Total...	3,93,918	13,10,210	17,04,128	6,20,308	15,40,755	21,61,063	4,56,935	...
Abkarry...	46,017	1,05,842	1,51,859	18,892	1,21,213	1,40,105	...	11,754
Salt..........	...	6,17,735	6,17,735	...	5,95,883	5,95,883	...	21,852
Sea Customs......	...	25,835	25,835	...	28,307	28,307	2,472	...
Stamps...........	...	2,44,637	2,44,637	...	2,92,724	2,92,724	48,087	...
License Tax......	...	38,791	38,791	29,713	...	29,713	...	9,078
Income Tax... ...	...	...	...	...	655	655	655	...
Grand Total...	4,39,935	23,43,050	27,82,985	6,68,913	25,79,537	32,48,450	5,08,149	42,684

Permanently settled.—Rupees 53,721.

44. The increase in the collection under this head is owing to the fact that a large amount of arrears due at the close of the last Fusly were collected during the year under reference.

Jody on Shrotriem and Inam villages.—Increase Rupees 10,915.

45. The large amount of collection this year of arrears due at the end of the last Fusly, and the more punctual payment of the current kists, account for the increase under this head.

Ryotwar Collections.—Increase Rupees...3,57,633.

46. This large increase is attributable to extended cultivation, and to the collection of large balances that were outstanding at the commencement of the Fusly.

Miscellaneous.

47. The increase in Miscellaneous collections is accounted for in the preceding paragraph.

Abkarry.—Decrease Rupees 11,754.

48. The decrease under this item is mainly due to the fact that the arrears at the beginning of the Fusly under review were smaller than in the preceding year.

Statement No. 7.

49. The balance at the close of the Fusly under notice, inclusive of both "Current" and "Arrears," amounted to Rupees 8,39,063, which has been reduced by the collections made up to the end of July to Rupees 5,68,682; of this sum Rupees 4,22,442 is "Current" and Rupees 1,46,240 "Arrears."

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	RS.
Zemindary Peishcush..	3,60,982
Ramnad	2,12,904
Shevagungah	1,14,760
Kannivady	29,695
Velliagundom	1,854
Ayagudy	1,769

50. The current balance under this head is due by the estates noted marginally.

51. More than half of this sum has to be collected from the Ramnad Zemindar, and as the Government are at present considering his proposition, to place his estate under our management, I have not resorted to coercive measures for its realization.

52. I anticipate no difficulty in collecting the balance due by the lessee of Shevagungah; it has resulted from the unsettled state of the Zemindary, owing to the litigation as to the validity of the sub-lease.

To Board, 17th April 1869, No. 145.
From do., 27th May 1869, No. 3,766.
To do., 6th July 1869, No. 216.

53. With regard to the balance due by the Kannivady estate, I beg to refer the Board to the correspondence noted in the margin; the renter of the estate prays for the concession of a little extra time for the payment* of his peishcush, and the subject is now under the consideration of the Board.

* The Board have since granted the concession.—*Vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 12th August 1869, No. 5,958.

54. The small balance of 1,769 Rupees outstanding against Ayagudy will soon be collected.

Quit-rent on Inam, etc., villages.—Rupees 1,559.

55. The balance under this head is rapidly being collected.

	RS.
Ryotwar	45,917
Tirumungalum	534
Madura	6,900
Melur	11,244
Dindigul	909
Periacolum	24,076
Palany	2,254

56. The balance under this head is particularized in the margin.

57. There has been some difficulty in collecting this money, (notwithstanding remissions,) especially where the rain-fall was deficient, but I have acted in the spirit of the instructions conveyed to me by the Board in their Proceedings of the 1st March 1869, No. 1,341, and have exercised great forbearance in granting extra time where it was required. This is shown by the fact that coercive process for the recovery of land revenue arrears has only been resorted to throughout the district in 41 cases during the entire year. I am of opinion that this consideration for the people (who, as a rule, are willing though often unable to meet their liabilities) will financially be productive of good results, and now that the season has assumed so favorable an aspect I expect that the balance will be speedily realised.

58. More than half of the Ryotwary balance is outstanding in the Periacolum Talook, and I cannot help attributing it to the want of energy on the part of the present Tahsildar. Moreover, the talook is a difficult one to manage, and I am thinking of transferring him to an easier charge.

59. The collection of a balance of Rupees 1,712 in the Madura Talook is stayed, pending the disposal of certain claims for remissions on account of withered crops raised in March.

Miscellaneous.—Rupees 6,360.

60. The balance under this head is scattered over all the talooks in petty sums, and is in course of collection.

Abkarry.—Rupees 8,095.

61. Out of this balance Rupees 5,754 have since been paid, and a hoondee has been sent for Rupees 1,419 in favor of the Treasurer of the Madras Bank; the remainder will be collected soon.

62. I have classed the outstanding balance of Rupees 1,46,240 under the item "Arrears," as follows:—

	RS.
Recoverable	1,17,266
Doubtful	7,451
Irrecoverable	21,523
	1,46,240

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	RS.
Peishcush	1,12,202
Shrotriem	478
Ryotwar	1,195
Miscellaneous	833
Abkarry	2,563
	1,17,266

63. The items composing the recoverable arrears are shown in the margin. The arrears of peishcush are due by the Zemindar of Ramnad, they are payable in the month of March 1870 as arranged, in accordance with the Order of Government, dated 25th August 1868, No. 2,221, communicated by the Board on the 12th September following.

64. Of the Ryotwar balance Rupees 228 relate to the village of Nallampoliem transferred to the district of Coimbatore.

65. Orders have been issued for the early collection of the remaining balances.

Miscellaneous.

66. The small balance under this head is in course of collection.

67. The Abkarry balance is due by the late renter of the Madura Talook; his property has been attached, and the money will be collected.

68. Of the balance classed as "Doubtful arrears," Rupees 5,287 is due by certain Inamdars in the Shevagungah Zemindary, to whom title deeds have not been distributed. The collection of this balance is stayed, pending the delivery of these deeds. The deeds originally issued to these persons have been returned to the Inam Commissioner as requested by him, with a view to their re-issue in a proper and legal form.

69. Rupees 2,002 constitute the rent of certain lands, the boundaries of which are disputed. I am taking measures for the settlement of these boundaries, and when that has been done there will be no difficulty in collecting the arrears.

70. Rupees 162 is the tax due by certain ryots in the village of Kongampatty, in the Melur Talook; a charge has been brought against the Nattamgar of the village of having collected the money and embezzled it, and the case is under inquiry.

Recommendation of Irrecoverable arrears for Remission.

71. The "Irrecoverable balance" amounts to Rupees 21,523. It is composed of the following items, and I request sanction for writing it off:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Amount recommended for remission by the Sub-Collector, under the circumstances stated in paragraph 33 of his report, exclusive of interest	3,412	15	11
Amount of tax to be remitted on account of withered crops in the Periacolum Talook—*Vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 7th October 1868, No. 7,103	7,445	11	0
Do. on account of withered crops in the Madura Talook, examined after the settlement	367	2	4
Tax charged on lands submerged by the water of certain tanks.. ...	47	12	8
Do. on the land involved in a boundary dispute between two villages in the Tirumungalum Talook, and entered in the accounts of both	1	10	9
Tax on lands entered in the accounts twice by mistake	14	11	4
Amount due by certain defaulting ryots who have no property, etc.	26	13	9
Fine imposed upon a Curnum since dismissed, who has absconded...	1	0	0
Do. imposed upon a Nattamgar, and since remitted	5	0	0
Amount due by the late Abkarry renter of the Madura Talook to be remitted under the Board's Proceedings, dated 30th April 1869, No. 2,921...	10,200	0	0
Total...	21,522	13	9

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Coercive Process.

72. Statement No. 8 shows that coercive process has only been resorted to in forty-one cases. The property sold realised Rupees 807.

Charges.
Salary of the Collector and his Assistants.—Increase Rupees 2,578.

73. This increase results from the disbursements of salaries to Head Assistants Messrs. Bliss and Daniel for eleven and twelve months respectively in this Fusly.

Tent and house-rent allowance of the Collector and his subordinates.—Increase Rupees 1,057.

74. The increase under this item is chiefly owing to the payment of house-rent to Messrs. Daniel and Bliss for twelve and eleven months this year.

Hoozur and Talook Establishments.—Increase Rupees 1,443.

75. This increase is mainly attributable to the disbursement to the Salt Deputy Collector of a moiety of his pay, as Sub-Collector's Sheristadar of Tinnevelly, for twelve months in this year.

Saderward charges.—Decrease Rupees 230.

76. The falling off in the expenditure under this head is ascribable to the observance of the rules laid down on the subject.

Medical charges.—Increase Rupees 897.

*26th June 1868, No. 240.

77. The increase in the rate of the salary of the Dresser attached to the Collector's department, sanctioned by Government * in the year under review, has caused the increase in the expenditure under this item.

Contingencies.—Increase Rupees 8,521.

78. The payment of deputation allowance to the Acting Collector for eight months, and to the Acting Sub-Collector for eleven months during this Fusly, accounts for the increase under this head.

Miscellaneous.—Decrease Rupees 97.

79. The slight decrease in this item calls for no remark.

Abkarry.—Increase Rupees 108.
Sea Custom 73.

80. The trifling variation in the charges under this head requires no special notice.

Salt charges.
Salary of the Deputy Collector.—Decrease Rupees 1,807.

81. This decrease is owing to the disbursement of 175 Rupees a month to Ramasawmy Moodelliar, the Acting Salt Deputy Collector; whereas last year the Salt Deputy Collector Ram Row was paid Rupees 350 a month.

Establishment.—Decrease Rupees 1,112.

82. The discontinuance of the establishment for the salt pan of Sholiagudi abolished this year is the chief cause of the decrease in this item of expenditure.

Travelling allowance and Batta to Establishment.—Decrease Rupees 145.

83. This trifling decrease calls for no remark.

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Purchase of Salt and Manufacturers' share.—Decrease Rupees 7,113.

84. The decrease in this item is mainly due to less salt being manufactured this year under the circumstances stated in paragraph 35.

Charges for exporting Salt.—Decrease Rupees 244.

85. The diminution in the quantity of salt manufactured has occasioned a decrease in the charges for exporting it.

Contingencies.—Increase Rupees 6,566.

86. During the year under report repairs to the salt platforms, etc., were executed on a larger scale than in Fusly 1277.

Stamp Commission, etc.—Increase Rupees 3,038.

87. This difference has been caused by the increased amount of refunds on account of certificates from the Courts.

Working of Village and Talook Accounts.

88. The Village and Talook accounts were scrutinized during the settlement, and were regularly and well kept, (generally.)

89. I agree with the Sub-Collector in considering that the accounts would be much cleaner and more tidy if a better quality of paper were used.

90. With reference to the Board's Circular Order of the 13th August 1859, I beg to annex a short abstract showing the lands acquired by public servants during the Fusly under reference:—

Names of Public Servants.	Extent acquired in Acres.	Mode of acquisition.
P. Subbier, Sub-Division Sheristadar	$6\frac{1}{2}$	By purchase.
Narainasamy Naick, English Head Clerk, Collector's Office	$5\frac{3}{16}$	By mortgage.
A. Ramanjulu Naidu, Acting Sheristadar, do.	$2\frac{1}{2}$	By purchase.
Raja Ram Row, Vernacular Head Clerk, do.	$0\frac{11}{16}$	By do.
Appavu Pillay, Vernacular Clerk, do.	$7\frac{2}{16}$	By mortgage.
Kristnasamy Naick, do. do.	1	By do.
Subaroya Iyer, do. do. General charge, Deputy Collector's Office	$5\frac{2}{16}$	By do.
Moottoosamy Iyer, Madura Town Sub-Magistrate	$8\frac{1}{8}$	By do.
	$7\frac{10}{16}$	By purchase.
Govinda Row, Talook Goomastah of Madura	$2\frac{10}{16}$	By do.
Rajarulla Sheriff, Revenue Inspector, Madura Talook	5	By do.
Devaprum Pillay, Sub-Magistrate, Nelacottah do.	$1\frac{1}{4}$	By do.
Sundararajiengar, Goomastah, Sub-Magistrate's Office, Muducoluttur	$6\frac{9}{16}$	By mortgage.
Sundaram Chetty, Shroff, Tirumungalum Talook	$0\frac{9}{16}$	By purchase.
Palavanum Pillay, Shroff, Periacolum Talook	$6\frac{1}{16}$	By do.
	$2\frac{11}{16}$	By mortgage.
Easwara Iyen, Goomastah, Palany Talook	$3\frac{7}{16}$	By purchase.

91. My Covenanted subordinates have been zealous and efficient in the discharge of their duties; Messrs. Bliss and McWatters are especially deserving of credit for the ability and energy they have displayed in conducting the administration of their divisions. These qualities have had full scope this year, for the settlement of the Sub-division demanded great personal care and labor which were freely and efficiently rendered, and the work of the Zomindaries, which is at all times heavy, was increased and complicated by numerous disputes arising from the litigation which has taken place with regard to the Shevagungah Zemindary.

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92. Deputy Collectors Ram Row, Devasikamany Pillay, and Ramasamy Moodelliar, have done their work zealously and efficiently, and I have much pleasure in recording my appreciation of the valuable assistance they have rendered me.

93. I have had every reason to be satisfied with the conduct of the Hoozur Native officials; and Talook Officers have, as a rule, behaved well and done their work efficiently.

MADURA,
21st August 1869.

(Signed) J. R. ARBUTHNOTT,
Officiating Collector.

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to report on the Settlement of the Sub-division for Fusly 1278, and to forward eight Statements according to the prescribed forms.

Statement No. 1.

2. The settlement was made by myself, with the exception of the five hill villages which were settled by Messrs. Arbuthnott and Wilkinson during my absence on leave.

3. The transfer of four villages from the talook of Melur to that of Dindigul, and of the village of Nallampoliem from the Pulni Talook to that of Dharapuram in the Coimbatore District, caused the increase and decrease in the number of Ryotwary villages of the Dindigul and Pulni Talooks respectively.

4. In the accompanying detailed statements the changes caused by these transfers have been particularly shown, but in the statements which are embodied in this letter general results only are shown, to avoid occupying undue space. This will account for some apparent discrepancies between the figures entered in this report and that for Fusly 1277, the reasons of which will be clearly discernible on reference to the particulars given in the enclosures.

Fusly.	No. of new Puttahs.
1277	37,504
1278	38,509
Increase	1,005

5. The new form of puttah according to the specimen copies forwarded with the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 3rd December 1866, was adopted during the settlement of the year under report. The number of puttahs as compared with Fusly 1277 is given in the margin. I attribute the increase to the net increase of three villages in the Sub-division. As all new puttahs were issued there were no renewals.

6. I have so fully reported on the season in my letters embodied in Board's Proceedings, No. 1,341, dated 1st March 1869, that it is not necessary for me to say more here than that its general character was very unfavorable. A seasonable and copious fall of rain in the months of May, June, and July 1868, gave the best hopes of a prosperous harvest and induced a considerable increase of cultivation, but this favorable opening of the season was not followed by a continuance of timely rains. In the month of August the rain-fall was but slight, and in the three subsequent months but scanty in Dindigul and very inadequate in Pulni, and in every part of the division partial and uncertain in the extreme. The general result was that the dry crops (which in these talooks form the bulk of the cultivation) suffered very considerably in almost every village, and in some to an extent which may be called disastrous.

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7. By the Board's orders marginally noted I was authorized to make liberal remissions for loss of produce, particulars of which are given below. This aid has prevented any general distress up to this time, but I fear that if we do not have rain soon the effects of the short out-turn of last Fusly's crops will not be long in showing themselves.

No. 1,341, dated 1st March 1869.

8. The health of man and beast was generally good during the year, notwithstanding the scarcity of rain and the scant supply in some places of water to drink. There was at no time any important epidemic outbreak of disease. Cattle have suffered considerably for want of fodder.

9. A statement of the rain-fall according to the several gauges kept in the Sub-division is subjoined:—

Months.	Sub-Collector's office.		Dindigul Talook.		Pulni Talook.	
	Inches.	100ths.	Inches.	100ths.	Inches.	100ths.
July 1868	4	17	3	88	...	...
August ,,	1	14	...	28	...	33
September ,,	3	88	3	74½	2	41¼
October ,,	5	70	6	49½	2	60
November ,,	3	15	2	94	1	5
December ,,	...	18	...	12	...	25
January 1869	...	82	...	85¼	...	55
February ,,	...	67	...	78½	1	...
March ,,	...	46	...	43½	...	...
April ,,	1	31	2	17	3	67½
May ,,	...	94	1	41	...	55½
June ,,	1	9	1	34½	...	...
Total......	23	51	24	46	12	42½

Statement No. 2.

10. From this statement it would appear that grain of every description sold at moderate prices throughout the present as compared with the past year. On an average grain food was 8 per cent. dearer than in the ten years, Fuslies 1267-76, but 7 per cent. cheaper than in Fusly 1277.

Statement No. 3.

11. The large increase entered for Fusly 1278, under the head of "Lands taken up," is chiefly attributable to the "Enclosed waste" having been included in the ryots' holdings under orders of the Board, conveyed in their Proceedings, No. 1,129, dated 24th February 1865, and as mentioned as being intended in last year's Settlement Report. The increase in holdings does not, therefore, represent a proportionate increase in actual cultivation.

12. The holdings, as compared with those of the last year, are given below:—

Fuslies.	Holdings.		Lands given up.		Lands taken up.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
		RS.		RS.		RS.
1277...	3,34,609	4,83,110	11,266	14,640	29,148	33,111
1278...	3,66,778	5,20,507	16,726	20,356	47,703	55,131

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13. A comparative statement of actual cultivation (after deducting the waste remitted, Acres 56,729, assessed at Rupees 73,031, and waste charged, Acres 2,329, assessed at Rupees 5,821,) is subjoined:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry ...	2,62,120	3,07,803 12 8	2,80,559	3,26,393 5 11	18,439	18,590	......	...
Wet...	26,685	1,12,924 10 9	27,161	1,15,261 8 11	476	2,337	......	...
Total...	2,88,805	4,20,728 7 0	3,07,720	4,41,654 14 10	18,915	20,927	......	...
Add								
Second crop Assessment...	......	247 4 11	...	195 6 7	......	...	......	52
Additional Assessment...	......	67 13 9	...	221 2 7	......	153	......	...
Water Tax ...	......	... ...	...	... ...	......	...	......	...
Road Fund...	......	20,725 4 8	...	20,635 4 1	......	...	......	90
Village Service Fund.	......	... ...	...	... ...	......	...	......	...
Total...	......	4,41,768 14 4	...	4,62,706 12 1	......	21,080	......	142
Net Increase...	......	... ...	...	... ...	......	20,938	......	...
Deduct Remission.								
Road Fund...	......	20,725 4 8	...	20,635 4 1	......	...	......	90
Village Service Fund.	......	... ...	...	... ...	......	...	......	...
Other remissions, as particularized in Statement No. 4......	......	1,18,100 0 10	...	1,07,688 4 8	......	...	......	5,412
Total...	......	1,33,825 5 6	...	1,28,323 8 9	......	...	......	5,502
Remaining Beriz......	......	3,07,943 8 10	...	3,34,383 3 4	......	26,440	......	...
Add Miscellaneous items, Statement No. 5...	......	30,707411 3	...	19,122 4 7	......	...	......	11,585
Total...	......	3,38,651 4 1	...	3,53,505 7 11	......	26,440	......	11,585
Net Increase...	......	... ...	...	... ...	......	14,854	......	...

14. From the above statement it will be seen that the cultivation was 18,915 Acres, assessed at Rupees 20,927, above that of Fusly 1277. This increase is mainly nominal, and attributable to the "Enclosed waste" having been included under the head of Cultivation, though remitted again under the heads of "Waste" (Statement No. 3), or "Shamilat Bunger" (Statement No. 4), in compliance with the Board's order to conduct the settlement in a liberal spirit.

15. Enclosures A., B., and C. to Statement No. 3 require no remark.

Statement No. 4.

16. This shows the particulars of remission granted for the Fusly under report, as compared with that of the previous Fusly. It would appear from this that the remission of this Fusly falls short of that of the previous one by a net amount of Rupees 5,412. This account, however, does not include the remission on entire waste which is shown in Statement No. 3, and amounts to Rs. 73,031.

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In Fusly 1277 the remission on waste was Rupees 26,639. Adding together the remission shown in the two accounts, Nos. 3 and 4, the totals stand thus:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1278...	1,80,719	7	10
,, 1277...	1,39,739	8	2
Increase...	40,979	15	8

I proceed to notice the items of Statement No. 4.

Shamilat Bunger.

17. The increase of Rupees 19,513 under this head is owing to the exceptional character of the season and the Board's orders noticed above.

Teerwa Cummy.

18. The increase of Rupees 2,749-13-2 under this head is owing to the increase of dry cultivation on lands classed as wet for which no water was this year available, and on which I charged only dry rates, as dry crops only had been cultivated owing to the adverse nature of the season. It includes also some cultivation of garden produce for which Government supplied no water, but which was dependant entirely on the ryots' own wells.

Special Remissions on dry Cultivation.

19. By the Board's orders above adverted to I was authorized to grant remissions on dry cultivation, as a special case, to the extent of 75 per cent. in certain specified villages, and of 50 per cent. in the rest of the Sub-division; discretion being allowed me to grant various rates not exceeding the above maxima, as might seem necessary at the time of the Jummahbundy. After careful inquiry I came to the conclusion that the only way of fairly apportioning the remission was to arrange the villages in groups according to the reported rain-fall, the known nature of the soil and rate of assessment, the out-turn of the crops, and other particulars as ascertained by inquiry at the time. If it had been possible a more detailed inquiry might have been better than the plan I adopted; but it was manifestly not in my power to make separate investigations into the individual losses of more than 38,000 persons, and I am quite satisfied, from the *very few* complaints I received, that on the whole the people were contented with the proportions of the demand remitted in their respective villages. The percentages remitted, and the number of villages to which each was applied, are given below:—

Percentage.	Number of Villages.	Remission. RS.	A.	P.
...	10	......	...	...
15	87	13,566	15	7
20	28	5,757	1	3
25	34	11,192	5	8
30	35	11,900	3	6
35	36	19,086	11	11
40	2	1,008	12	4
50	10	8,638	3	3
75	9	8,258	5	0
Total...	251	79,408	10	6

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Taram Cummy.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 3,386, dated 3rd June 1864.

20. The increase under this head is due to increased cultivation being entered under the tank referred to in the correspondence marginally noted.

Statement No. 5.

21. The large decrease in the Sundry sources of Revenue is attributable to the first entry in the Item No. 51 being blank for Fusly 1278. "Enclosed waste" has this year been included in the ryots' holdings as mentioned above, and explained as being intended in last year's Settlement Report.

Statement No. 6.

Board's Proceedings, No. 3,766, 27th May 1869.

22. The large balance of Rs. 29,694-14-2 outstanding against the Kannivady estate is owing to the request of the renter, for concession to him of extra time for the payment of his peishcush, being under the consideration of the Board. Orders have been given, however, for the immediate collection of the sum (Rupees 14,694-14-2) I proposed in my letter, No. 102, dated 12th April last, the renter should be made to pay by the end of June last, and of which nothing has as yet been realised.

23. The annexed is an abstract statement of the demand on account of all sources of revenue of this year as compared with the last:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Land Revenue	4,77,379	4,59,687	......	17,692
Abkarry	32,540	31,245	......	1,295
Stamps	27,937	26,883	......	1,054
Interest	1,218	307	......	911
Total... ...	5,39,074	5,18,122	......	20,952

24. The decrease of Rupees 17,692 in the Land Revenue Demand is owing to the large remissions granted this year.

25. The diminution of Rupees 1,295 under the head of Abkarry, in comparison with Fusly 1277, was caused by the sale of the Abkarry farms for Fusly 1278 at a reduced rate.

26. The falling off in the Stamp revenue is attributable partly to a decrease of litigation, due I fear to the gradual deterioration of the condition of the people caused by the continuous succession of bad seasons, and partly to the talooks not being kept-properly supplied with stamped paper in May and June.

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27. The subjoined is an abstract comparative statement of collections.

Items.	Fusly 1277. Arrears.	Fusly 1277. Current.	Fusly 1277. Total.	Fusly 1278. Arrears.	Fusly 1278. Current.	Fusly 1278. Total.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Land Revenue.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS.	RS.	
Permanently settled	20,668 6 2	78,134 8 0	98,802 14 2	21,806 14 4	66,525 8 6	88,332 6 10	...	10,470	Increase due to outstanding arrears at the commencement of Fusly 1278 being very large.
Jody or Shrotriem, etc., villages ...	31 0 0	351 8 0	382 8 0	67 8 0	367 0 0	434 8 0	52	...	
Ryotwar	36,054 10 11	2,79,024 6 6	3,15,079 1 5	67,053 14 10	2,98,994 12 10	3,66,048 11 8	50,969	...	
Miscellaneous items	8,930 6 2	4,860 0 1	13,790 6 3	25,691 12 9	10,358 7 11	36,050 4 8	22,260	...	
Total...	65,684 7 3	3,62,370 6 7	4,28,054 13 10	1,14,620 1 11	3,76,245 13 3	4,90,865 15 2	73,281	10,470	Net increase 62,811.
Abkarry	5,148 0 0	29,725 6 6	34,873 6 6	139 14 7	29,321 9 2	29,461 7 9	...	5,412	
Stamps	... ...	27,937 4 0	27,937 4 0	... ...	26,882 12 0	26,882 12 0	...	1,054	
Total ...	5,148 0 0	57,662 10 6	62,810 10 6	139 14 7	56,204 5 2	56,344 3 9	...	6,466	
Grand Total ...	70,832 7 3	4,20,033 1 1	4,90,865 8 4	1,14,760 0 6	4,32,450 2 5	5,47,210 2 11	73,281	16,936	Net increase 56,345.

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Statement No. 7.

28. The Ryotwar balance outstanding at the end of the Fusly, as shown in this statement, is less than last Fusly, but still amounts to the large sum of Rupees 41,209. It has since been reduced by subsequent collections up to July 31st to Rupees 3,161-9-3. There has been some difficulty in making the collections, notwithstanding the remissions.

29. Under the head of Abkarry the balance at the end of the Fusly amounted to Rs. 1,894, which has since been reduced by the subsequent collections to Rupees 136-5-1. In April the Dindigul renter fell into arrears, and I was obliged to take the farm under management. The balance now outstanding is Rupees 136, which I hope to be able to realize shortly by the sale of the renter's effects here and in the Coimbatore District.

Statement No. 8.

30. The arrears of former years amounted at the end of the Fusly to Rs. 6,636, which was reduced by subsequent collections to the end of July to Rupees 6,634-10-8.

31. The recoverable arrears, amounting to Rupees 1,163-11-4, are in course of collection.

Rupees 1,993-13-4.

32. Of the doubtful arrears Rs. 1,945-9-9 form the subject of a boundary dispute pending in your office between two hill villages, one belonging to Government and the other to Kannivady estate. A similar dispute between Dindigul and Tirumungalum Talooks accounts for the remainder, or Rupees 48-3-7.

33. The irrecoverable arrears, amounting to Rupees 3,477-2-0, are as follows, and I request that sanction may be obtained for writing them off:—

Rupee 1-8-0.

Rupees 1-8-0 is the tax on certain waste land charged for Fusly 1277, the puttah of which stands in the name of a man who has absconded and has not been heard of for several years. The land was ponakadu and is now over-grown not having been cultivated since 1862, and is therefore not saleable. I request, therefore, that the arrears may be written off.

Rupees 2-12-5.

This sum also is the teerwa on certain other waste lands fixed under the same circumstances as above for Fusly 1277. The defaulter has disappeared for the last seven years and the land has ever since been submerged under the water-spread of a tank and consequently cannot be sold for arrears.

Rupees 797-9-4.

Rupees 797-9-4 is the difference between the highest dry tax and Nunjah tax on certain lands, which, though classed as Nunjah, are dependant entirely on private wells. The arrears under this head amounted, as per last year's Report, to Rs. 533-9-9 for Fusly 1276. Deducting Rs. 114-3-10 as belonging to Nallampoliem village, transferred from Pulni to Dharapuram Talook in the Coimbatore District, there remain Rupees 419-5-11. Add Rs. 378-3-5, the amount due for Fusly 1277, and we get the above sum of Rupees 797-9-4. The lands in question are entered as Nunjah in the Fysal accounts, but as a matter of fact there is not now any supply of water for their irrigation and they are cultivated as garden by means of wells dug at the ryots' own expense, and should be charged at Punjah rates only. In fact dry rates only have been paid, this difference being allowed to fall into arrears until the question of their permanent transfer to the Punjah head can be settled. I am not at present prepared to recommend this, as I have not as yet been able to obtain an Engineer's opinion on the subject of the ultimate restoration of the irrigation works; but I have charged the ryots dry rates only this year, as they received no water from Government, and would now request that this balance, which is nominally outstanding against them, may be remitted.

Rupees 2,674-4-9.

This balance, which includes interest, is due by the Abkarry renters of Dindigul Talook for Fusly 1277, as adverted to in paragraph 25 of last year's Report. As therein anticipated by me

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after all their property has been sold and the proceeds thereof, together with the subsequent collections from the sub-renters, set off against the arrears, there still remains the above sum due to Government. This loss must be put down to the badness of the season in Fusly 1277, and is now recommended to be written off the accounts, as there is no prospect of the realization of any portion of it.

Rupee 1. This is a fine imposed on a Curnum, which was subsequently remitted at the recommendation of the Tahsildar, but the sum having been brought to the demand account sanction is required for writing it off.

34. Coerceive measures have been resorted to only in four instances, one that of the Abkary renter noted in paragraph 33, and the others for the recovery of land revenue amounting to Rupees 35-4-0. In the first instance Rupees 41-8-0 have been realised and in the others the whole arrears were recovered.

35. The Talook accounts are pretty well kept. The Village accounts in Pulni are the same, but in Dindigul are by no means satisfactory. In my opinion, however, the general untidiness of the accounts, which I was sorry to notice, is to a great extent due to the very inferior quality of the paper supplied. It is called *Double-Double Pott* I believe, and seems to me better suited for printing than for writing on. If it is the least damp the ink runs, and wherever the paper is folded it tears and breaks at once. No one can keep an account neat under such circumstances.

36. I annex a statement of lands acquired by public servants during the year under report:—

Name.	Extent of land acquired.			Mode of acquisition.
	ACS.	A.	P.	
A. Ramanujalu Naidoo, Acting Sheristadar	2	8	1	By purchase.
Easwara Iyen, Goomastah Pulni Talook	3	7	2	Do.

37. Two tanks and 154 wells were newly constructed under the rules during the Fusly. No public or private topes were planted.

38. For the first half of the year P. Subbaya was Sheristadar of my office and rendered me able and zealous assistance. Of Ramasawmy Iyer, Tahsildar of Dindigul, now absent on sick leave, I may say the same. I have seen no reason to change my good opinion of these two officers. Mr. Burby, Tahsildar of Pulni, seems daily to grow less and less efficient, but his service will terminate in a few months. During Subbaya's absence on duty in your office A. Ramanujalu Naidoo, Collector's Head Revenue Clerk, has filled his place. He wants experience in the somewhat miscellaneous work of a Sub-division Sheristadar, but is willing, hard-working, and of fair ability, and promises to become a valuable officer. During Ramasawmy Iyer's absence on leave, N. Gopalaiengar, Sub-Magistrate of Shevagungah, has acted as Tahsildar of Dindigul. This officer knows his work, but appears to me to be lamentably wanting in energy. He must improve considerably before he can hope for a permanent Tahsil.

THODANAMPUTTI,
3rd August 1869.

(Signed) H. W. BLISS,
Acting Sub-Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

TINNEVELLY.

I HAVE the honor to report upon the settlement of the Land and extra Sources of Revenue of this District for Fusly 1278, (A. D. 1868-69,) and to forward the prescribed Settlement accounts, Nos. 1 to 11.

Stations at which the Settlement was made.

2. Puttahs were distributed at the stations mentioned in Statement No. 1.

No. 1.

Names of the Officers who made the Settlement.	Talooks.	Stations where the Settlement was made.
Collector's Division.		
C. T. Longley, Esq., Acting Collector	Tenkarai Tinnevelly	Trichendur. Tinnevelly.
C. J. Crosthwaite, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector	Ottapedaram	Kytar. Vilatikulam. Ottapedaram.
J. Wallace, Esq., Assistant Collector	Sankaranainarkovil	Sankaranainarkovil. Vasudevanallur.
Vencat Row, Deputy Collector	Sattur Strivilliputtur	Virdupatti. Sattur. Strivilliputtur. Watrap. Rajapalyam.
Sub-division.		
J. B. Pennington, Esq., Sub-Collector	Ambasamudram	Timmarajasamudram. Shermadevi.
A. J. Stuart, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector	Nanguneri Tenkasi	Nanguneri. Tenkasi.

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Variation in the number and tenure of Villages.

3. Statement No. 2 exhibits the tenure on which the villages were held, as compared with those of the preceding year.

No. 2.

Denomination of Villages.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5
1. Nunjah (wet) Mottafysal villages..............	929	930	1	...
2. Nunjah Pottom villages paying a favorable assessment in grain..........................	13	13	...	...
3. Do. Poruppu do. do. fixed in money...	12	12	...	...
4. Punjah (dry) villages.........	116	116	...	...
5. Pottom and Poruppu villages upon which (Jody) quit-rent was imposed by the Inam Commissioner.........................	18	18	...	...
6. Taram or Ryotwar villages.........	15	15	...	...
Total Government Villages...	1,103	1,104	1	...
7. Kattuguttagai or Shrotriem villages...	75	74	...	1
8. Inam villages.................	77	77	...	...
9. Zemindary villages...	725½	725½	...	...
Grand Total...	1,980½	1,980½	...	...

4. The increase under the head of Mottafysal villages is owing to the resumption of a shrotriem village in default of the proprietor's appearance within the prescribed time.

Introduction of Permanent Puttahs.

5. The total number of puttahs for Fusly 1278 was 1,39,491, or 1,480 in excess of the previous year. Of these 72,644 remained unaltered, 18,710 were slightly modified, and 48,137 were renewed. The renewed puttahs bear a proportion of 35 per cent. on the total number issued. As stated in paragraph 6 of the last year's Jummahbundy Report 1,43,276 receipt puttahs were issued during the year according to the new form.

No. 3.

Fuslies.	Total number of Puttahs for Land Revenue.	Puttahs not renewed.			Renewed or fresh Puttahs issued.	Per centage of Column 6 on Column 2.
		Puttahs which remained altogether unaltered.	Modified by additional entries.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1277....................	1,38,011	38,625	37,547	76,172	61,839	45
1278....	1,39,491	72,644	18,710	91,354	48,137	35
Increase...	1,480	34,019	...	15,182	...	...
Decrease...	...	...	18,837	...	13,702	...

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Season and Sanitary state of the District.

*Dated 20th April and 1st May 1869, Nos. 164 and 177.

6. The season was very favorable for agricultural prospects, as already detailed in my Season and Administration Reports.*

7. An abstract statement of the rain-fall, as compared with the preceding year, is given below :—

		Fusly 1277. In. Dec.	Fusly 1278. In. Dec.
1868...	April	2·57	0·94
	May	1·16	2·19
	June	0·36	3·66
	July	0·63	0.77
	August	0·03	0·25
	September	0·36	2·10
	Total...	5·11	9·91
1868...	October	13·13	7·92
	November	4·35	6·58
	December	0·34	1·45
1869...	January	4·20	1·39
	February	1·28	1·61
	March	1·83	0·53
	Total...	25·13	19·48
	Grand Total...	30·24	29·39

Disease.	
Cholera	80
Small-pox	1,878
Fever	2,544
Other diseases	15,245
Accidents	422
Suicides	33
Murders	8
Total...	20,210
Population...	15,26,698

8. The district was on the whole healthy. Small-pox and fever prevailed in certain parts, especially during the hot months of April and May. There was no cattle disease. The deaths registered average about 13 per 1,000 of population.

Prices of Grain.

9. The prices of the principal products, as compared with the preceding year, are given in the following abstract, showing a tendency to fall:—

No. 4.

Fuslies.	Paddy, 1st sort, per garce.	Paddy, 2nd sort, per garce.	Cholum per garce.	Cumboo per garce.	Horse-gram per garce.	Raggy per garce.	Varagu per garce.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1277	241	200	238	218	294	199	...
1278	235	196	225	210	289	200	161
Increase...	...	...	...	...	...	1	161
Decrease...	6	4	13	8	5	...	...

Ryots' Holdings.

10. Ryots' holdings comprised 12,95,784 Acres, assessed at Rupees 26,27,358-5-7, against 12,95,074 Acres, assessed at Rs. 26,37,214-2-2 in the preceding Fusly. Notwithstanding an increase in the area of holdings it has not been attended with a corresponding increase in revenue. This result is owing to second crop not having as

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usual been raised on single crop lands, and to the limited kar cultivation carried on in certain talooks. Thirty-five changes occurred in the holdings of ryots, as shown in Enclosure A. to Statement No. 3.

Dry........................	2,59,669
Wet........................	14,945
Total...	2,74,614

11. The extent of waste in holdings amounted to 2,74,614 acres, or 14,772 acres less than last year.

No. 5.

Items.	Dry.				Wet.				Total.			
	Land.	Assessment.			Land.	Assessment.			Land.	Assessment.		
1	2	3			4	5			6	7		
	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.
Extent of land in Ryots' holdings at the commencement of the Fusly......	11,19,408	8,42,092	12	10	1,75,666	17,95,121	5	4	12,95,074	26,37,214	2	2
Deduct land relinquished by the ryots and transferred from one head to another ...	5,596	9,957	3	1	1,885	47,378	6	9	7,481	57,335	9	10
Remainder...	11,13,812	8,32,135	9	9	1,73,781	17,47,742	14	7	12,87,593	25,79,878	8	4
Add lands newly taken up for cultivation ...	6,985	9,729	3	5	1,206	37,750	9	10	8,191	47,479	13	3
Total...	11,20,797	8,41,864	13	2	1,74,987	17,85,493	8	5	12,95 784	26,27,358	5	7
Particulars.												
Cultivated... ...	8,61,128	7,22,978	2	8	1,60,042	16,63,891	3	1	10,21,170	23,86,869	5	9
Waste......... ...	2,59,669	1,18,886	10	6	14,945	1,21,602	5	4	2,74,614	2,40,488	15	10

Actual Cultivation.

	RS.	A.	P.
Wet..................	16,63,891	3	1
Dry..................	7,22,978	2	8
Total...	23,86,869	5	9

12. The actual cultivation and settlement under wet and dry is shown in the subjoined statement. The land revenue amounted to Rupees 23,86,869-5-9, or Rupees 2,245-5-10 more than that of the last year:—

No. 6, A.—Comparative Statement of Cultivation and Settlement.

Items.	Fusly 1277.				Fusly 1278.				Increase.				Decrease.			
	Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.		
1	2	3			4	5			6	7			8	9		
	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.
Wet total cultivation..............	2,28,996	...	...	...	2,26,179	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,817	...	...	...
Deduct 2nd crop.....	70,115	...	...	...	66,137	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,978	...	...	...
Remaining 1st crop ..	1,58,881	16,66,420	8	8	1,60,042	16,63,891	3	1	1,161	...	...	...	...	2,529	5	2
Dry cultivation.......	8,46,807	7,18,203	7	8	8,61,128	7,22,978	2	8	14,321	4,774	11	0	...	...	..	...
Total...	10,05,688	23,84,623	15	11	10,21,170	23,86,869	5	9	15,482	2,245	5	10	...	...	...	...

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Principal sources of Irrigation.

13. The information required under this head having been furnished in paragraph 12 of the Settlement Report of this district for Fusly 1275 need not here be recapitulated.

Ruined Tanks made over to Ryots.

14. No application has been received for the improvement of ruined tanks in the year under review.

No. 7.—Statement of ruined Tanks made over to Ryots in Fusly 1278.

Number of tanks.	Extent of Ayacut.	Nunjah assessment as per Paimash.	Average assessment of the past five years.	Assessment at 3 Rs. per acre.	Cultivation of Fusly 1278.		Remaining waste.	
					Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.
....	......	......	... ...	... ...	...	... .	......	... ...

Waste charged and remitted.

15. The subjoined statement exhibits the area left uncultivated, namely, 2,80,665 Acres, assessed at Rupees 2,40,488-15-10, or 13,399 Acres, with an assessment of Rupees 12,101-2-5 less than the previous year.

No. 8.

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Land.	Assessment.	Land.	Assessment.	Land.	Assessment.	Land.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.
Waste charged ...	2,81,040	1,69,146 7 7	2,74,518	2,00,069 1 8	...	30,922 10 1	6,522	... ...
Waste remitted ...	13,024	83,443 10 8	6,147	40,419 14 2	...	... ...	6,877	43,023 12 6
Total...	2,94,064	2,52,590 2 3	2,80,665	2,40,488 15 10	...	... ...	13,399	12,101 2 5
Particulars.								
1st Crop............	2,89,386	... ...	2,74,614	... ...	...	... ...	14,772	... ...
2nd Crop............	4,678	... ...	6,051	... ...	1,373	... ...	...	... ...

Waste charged.

16. Lands left waste and charged for amounted to 2,74,518 Acres, assessed at Rupees 2,00,069-1-8, against 2,81,040 Acres, assessed at Rupees 1,69,146-7-7, in Fusly 1277. Of the sum of Rupees 2,00,069-1-8 charged for in the year under review Rupees 47,432-15-8 forms the assessment due on portions of fields left waste, and the remainder, namely, Rupees 1,52,636-2-0, is the assessment charged on entire fields left waste as follows.

Waste remitted.

17. Rupees 40,419-14-2 were remitted on 6,147 Acres left waste from causes beyond the control of the ryots. The remission under this head falls short of that granted in the preceding Fusly 1277 by Rupees 43,023-12-6.

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No. 9.—Remission.

	Items.	Amount of remission. Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	1	2	3	4	5
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Deductions from Wet and Dry lands.	*Occasional.*				
	1. Remission for shavi or withered crop	19,480 9 4	5,109 6 0	... ...	14,371 3 4
	2. Do. for loss of produce	2,655 12 0	1,548 1 3	... ...	1,107 10 9
	3. Do. on Panibudthi	84 12 4	27 8 4	... ...	57 4 0
	4. Do. on account of zabita (progressive) cowle	569 3 7	477 5 3	... ...	91 14 4
	5. Half teerwah on high level nunjah lands cultivated by means of water raised by manual labor	10,554 7 2	11,421 10 8	867 3 6	... ...
	6. Remission on Government lands left waste for want of water	83,334 8 4	40,419 14 2	... ...	42,914 10 2
	Do. on lands submerged by water	109 2 4	... ...	... ...	109 2 4
	Particulars.				
	Entire fields left waste	81,020 9 8	39,958 12 3	... ...	41,061 13 5
	Portions of fields left waste	2,423 1 0	461 1 11	... ...	1,961 15 1
		83,443 10 8	40,419 14 2	... ...	43,023 12 6
	7. Remission on irrigated lands cultivated with dry crops subsequent to February 1868, agreeably to the orders of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd March 1868, No. 1,535	20,443 14 0	... ...	... ...	20,443 14 0
	8. Half teerwah on irrigated lands cultivated by falling rains	562 10 2	... ...	... ...	562 10 2
	9. For short produce	35,920 3 8	... ...	... ...	35,920 3 8
	10. 50 per cent. of the dry assessment in Nanguneri Talook, agreeably to the orders of the Board of Revenue above quoted	15,455 6 3	... ...	... ...	15,455 6 3
	11. On high level nunjah lands charged with dry assessment	42 14 2	... ...	... ...	42 14 2
	12. Half teerwah on nunjah waste	850 14 11	... ...	... ...	850 14 11
	13. On nunjah waste charged with dry assessment	3,118 2 6	31 4 7	... ...	3,086 13 11
	14. Special tax on garden lands left waste but charged with dry assessment	1,136 1 9	... ...	... ...	1,136 1 9
	15. Amount remitted, being the dry assessment charged on certain nunjah lands cultivated in Fusly 1277, but the crops of which were reaped and brought to account in Fusly 1278	... ...	30 6 3	30 6 3	... ...
	Total Occasional	1,94,318 10 6	59,065 8 6	... ...	1,35,253 2 0
	Customary.				
	16. Ready money Inam	21,475 15 5	21,114 12 1	... ...	361 3 4
	17. Maniems in grain	4,381 6 10	4,389 4 5	7 13 7	... ...
	18. Chaturbagam, etc., Reyayet	38,429 2 2	38,908 8 10	479 6 8	... ...
	19. Ardamaniem or remission of a moiety of the full assessment	1,835 0 3	1,743 11 2	... ...	91 5 1
	20. Remission of one-fourth and one-half teerwah on lands cultivated by Merassidars of Brahmin caste	18,237 10 10	18,201 14 11	... ...	35 11 11
	21. Do. of three-fourths teerwah on shrotriem lands	8,413 4 4	8,484 9 10	71 5 6	... ...
	22. Deduction from Ivu and Dittam Inams on account of village servants	22,992 1 10	22,963 5 9	... ...	28 12 1
	23. Deductions from Ayen beriz on account of village servants	... ...	9,496 0 0	9,496 0 0	... ...
	Total Customary	1,15,764 9 8	1,25,302 3 0	9,537 9 4	... ...
	Total Occasional and Customary	3,10,083 4 2	1,84,367 11 6	... ...	1,25,715 8 8
Deductions from the sundry Items of Revenue.	*Miscellaneous.*				
	24. Topes	4,404 3 2	4,717 9 5	313 6 3	... ...
	25. Palmyrahs	21,446 4 1	21,107 11 5	... ...	338 8 8
	Total Miscellaneous	25,850 7 3	25,825 4 10	... ...	25 2 5
	Occasional	2,811 6 5	3,332 12 4	521 5 11	... ...
	Customary	23,039 0 10	22,492 8 6	... ...	546 8 4
	Grand Total	3,35,933 11 5	2,10,193 0 4	... ...	1,25,740 11 1

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Particulars of Remission.

18. The remissions granted in Fusly 1278 under the several heads exhibited in the foregoing statement amounted to Rupees 2,10,193-0-4, falling short of those of last year by Rupees 1,25,740-11-1 accounted for as follows :—

				RS.	A.	P.
Decrease in Items 1 to 4 and 6 to 14, owing to the favorable character of the season				1,36,150	11	9
Decrease in Item No. 16, owing to the limited area of cultivation				361	3	4
Decrease in Item No. 19, owing to certain Ardamaniem lands settled by the Inam Commissioner having been transferred to the head "Miscellaneous."				91	5	1
Decrease in Item No. 25, owing to the transfer of palmyrahs from the head of Inam to Ayen				338	8	8
Decrease in other items				64	8	0
Total Decrease...				1,37,006	4	10
Deduct						
Increase in Items No. 5, 18, 21, owing to extended cultivation	1,417	15	8			
Increase in Item No. 23, owing to the pay of Government village servants having been deducted from the demand of the village, agreeably to the orders of the Board of Revenue	9,496	0	0			
Increase in Item No. 24, owing to an increase in the number of taxable trees	313	6	3			
Increase in other items	38	3	10			
Total Increase...				11,265	9	9
Net Decrease...				1,25,740	11	1

Land Revenue, Miscellaneous.

19. The revenue under this head amounted to Rupees 2,38,111-2-2 against Rupees 2,31,443-6-10 in Fusly 1277. The increase is due chiefly to the teerwah having been charged on lands not included in ryots' holdings and cultivated without permission, and to an increase in the number of taxable topes and palmyrahs.

No. 10.

Cultivation of special Products.

Extent of land cultivated with special products, as cotton, sugar-cane, etc.

Fuslies.	Cotton.		Indigo.		Sugar-cane.	
	Extent of cultivation.	Teerwah.	Extent of cultivation.	Teerwah.	Extent of cultivation.	Teerwah.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1277	2,05,065	1,93,611	407	372	130	1,622
1278	2,13,960	2,05,238	377	384	159	1,685
Increase...	8,895	11,627	...	12	29	63
Decrease...	...	...	30	...	...	...

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Cotton.

Fuslies.	Varying rate per Candy. RS.
1277	80 to 140
1278	114 to 150

Cotton Export.

Fuslies.	Candies.
1277	43,053¼
1278	74,178¼

20. The increase of 8,895 Acres, assessed at Rupees 11,627, under this head is due to the favorable character of the season; but the yield and quality of cotton was not quite so good as usual.

The selling price ranged from Rupees 114 to 150 per candy. The export is shown in the margin.

Indigo and Sugar-cane.

21. The increase under these heads is very inconsiderable.

General result of Land Revenue Settlement as compared with that of the preceding year.

22. The net Land revenue of Fusly 1278 amounted to Rupees 30,30,465-9-8, or Rupees 1,22,516-13-9 in excess of the preceding year, as shown in the following statement:—

No. 11.—Land Revenue.

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Comparison. Increase.			Comparison. Decrease.		
1	2			3			4			5		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Land Revenue beriz after deducting remission	23,27,130	14	0	24,42,990	10	1	1,15,859	12	1	...	...	...
2. Shrotriem	40,077	10	5	40,067	0	9	...	...	...	10	9	8
3. Jody on Inam villages	1,249	8	9	1,249	8	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Permanent Peishcush	3,08,047	3	11	3,08,047	3	11	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Miscellaneous	2,31,443	6	10	2,38,111	2	2	6,667	11	4	...	...	...
Total...	29,07,948	11	11	30,30,465	9	8	1,22,516	13	9	...	...	...

23. The increase in Item No. 1 is mainly due to less remission granted in the year under review consequent on the favorable character of the season, on account of withered crops and waste, as compared with the remissions made in last year. That in Item No. 5 has arisen from causes mentioned in paragraph 19 of this report. The decrease under the head of Shrotriem is very trifling and needs no remark.

No. 12.—Demand of extra sources of Revenue for Fusly 1278, compared with the previous year.

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Comparison. Increase.			Comparison. Decrease.		
1	2			3			4			5		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Abkarry	81,449	11	6	81,460	8	4	10	12	10	...	...	...
2. Salt	6,94,160	15	6	7,22,938	4	8	28,777	5	2	...	...	...
3. Sea Customs	85,734	5	1	85,946	14	1	212	9	0	...	...	...
4. Stamps	2,51,847	9	2	2,78,351	6	7	26,503	13	5	...	...	...
5. License Tax	17,581	10	0	19,416	3	6	1,834	9	6	...	...	...
6. Income Tax	...	...	...	729	7	0	729	7	0	...	...	...
Total...	11,30,774	3	3	11,88,842	12	2	58,068	8	11	...	...	...

Demand of extra Sources of Revenue.

24. The trifling increase in Salt calls for no special comment. It may, however, be remarked that cart men bringing cotton to Tuticorin for delivery generally take away in return salt, in the hope of making a profit. The increase in Sea Customs is very trifling. That in Stamps is owing to plaints and other documents having (under recent orders of the High Court) been received and filed during the recess. The increase in License and Income Tax is due to the working of Acts IX. of 1868 and IX. of 1869.

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No. 13.—Demand of Land and extra sources of Revenue for Fusly 1278, compared with the previous year.

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison. Increase.	Comparison. Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Land Revenue............	29,07,948 11 11	30,30,465 9 8	1,22,516 13 9	... ...
Extra sources of Revenue..	11,30,774 3 3	11,88,842 12 2	58,068 8 11	... ...
Total...	40,38,722 15 2	42,19,308 5 10	1,80,585 6 8	... ...

Demand of Land and extra Sources of Revenue.

25. The Land and extra sources of Revenue for Fusly 1278 amounted to Rs. 42,19,308-5-10, or Rupees 1,80,585-6-8 more than the previous year, as shown in the foregoing statement.

No. 14.—Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of current Revenue.

Items.	Demand of Fusly 1278.	Collections up to the end of the Fusly or 30th June 1869.	Balance.	Collections up to the end of July 1869.	Balance.
1	2	3	4	5	6
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Land Revenue.	30,30,465 9 8	27,17,773 11 4	3,12,691 14 4	1,96,586 13 0	1,16,105 1 4
Abkarry... ...	81,460 8 4	63,460 8 4	18,000 0 0	18,000 0 0	... ...
Salt......	7,22,938 4 8	7,22,938 4 8	... ...	... ...	... ...
Sea Customs. .	85,946 14 1	85,946 14 1	... ...	... ...	... ...
Stamps.........	2,78,351 6 7	2,78,351 6 7	... ...	... ...	... ...
License Tax...	19,416 3 6	19,416 3 6	... ...	... ...	... ...
Income Tax...	729 7 0	729 7 0	... ...	... ...	... ...
Total...	11,88,842 12 2	11,70,842 12 2	18,000 0 0	18,000 0 0	... ...
Grand Total...	42,19,308 5 10	38,88,616 7 6	3,30,691 14 4	2,14,586 13 0	1,16,105 1 4

Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of Current Revenue.

26. Out of the above demand, Rupees 38,88,616-7-6 was collected within the year, leaving a balance of Rupees 3,30,691-14-4, which was reduced by subsequent collections up to July last to Rupees 1,16,105-1-4; of this Rupees 948-1-8 are due on lands in dispute between the Zemindars and Government. Stringent instructions were issued for the realization of the outstanding balance.

No. 15.—Demand, Collection, and Balance of arrears of former Fuslies

Items.	Arrears at the commencement of Fusly 1278.	Collections including remission up to the end of June 1869.	Balance.	Collections up to the end of July 1869.	Balance.
1	2	3	4	5	6
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Land Revenue...	4,00,471 9 1	3,63,405 5 9	37,066 3 4	1,861 6 9	35,204 12 7

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Demand, Collection, and Balance of arrears.

27. The balance of Rupees 35,204-12-7 under this head is made up of the following items:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Doubtful	12,038	10	0
Irrecoverable	13,177	1	11
Recoverable	9,989	0	8

Item No. 1 is the assessment on lands in dispute. I request sanction to write off the irrecoverable balance of Rupees 13,177-1-11, as particularized below. For the realization of the recoverable balance of Rupees 9,989-0-8 stringent measures have been adopted.

Particulars.

Irrecoverable arrears for Remission.

	RS.	A.	P.
Usual remission to Arumugamangalum for errors in original calculation of Melwaram grain	203	12	0
Assessment on certain lands collected twice over	68	2	7
Do. on certain lands unfit for cultivation and not purchased by any one when put up to auction	11	7	2
Do. charged on lands left waste from causes beyond the ryots' control	10,569	6	9
Do. over-collected	428	3	1
Do. on lands formerly in dispute between Government and Zemin villages, but now decided to belong to Zemin	699	6	10
Do. to be remitted, the same having been collected and erroneously debited to "Miscellaneous" instead of to "Ayen"	657	0	4
Do. erroneously charged on rent-free lands	26	0	5
Do. over-paid by Messrs. Line and Co. on their estate which has since been redeemed	5	13	6
Do. charged on lands that do not exist	9	1	0
Jody on minor Inam lands collected and carried to the credit of Government, instead of being paid to the Kattuguttagaidar	15	4	0
Do. on lands reverted to Government on the death of the holder	77	0	7
Assessment charged on waste lands relinquished by the ryots	304	15	10
Do. on lands submerged by water	39	2	10
Do. misappropriated by a certain Merassidar and recovered from him but carried to the credit of "Revenue fines"	62	5	0
Total...	13,177	1	11

Particulars.

Fuslies.	Land Revenue.			Miscellaneous.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1266	39	10	2	...	...	..	39	10	2
1267	43	4	2	...	...	...	43	4	2
1268	60	1	1	...	...	...	60	1	1
1269	119	5	1	...	...	...	119	5	1
1270	69	3	2	...	...	...	69	3	2
1271	222	15	1	...	...	...	222	15	1
1272	611	10	10	...	...	...	611	10	10
1273	98	6	9	...	...	...	98	6	9
1274	61	12	9	...	...	...	61	12	9
1275	63	12	4	24	0	0	87	12	4
1276	417	10	3	53	0	7	470	10	10
1277	11,261	2	9	31	2	11	11,292	5	8
	13,068	14	5	108	3	6	13,177	1	11

Wastage of Salt.

28. The wastage was 31,684 Maunds, 10 Seers, valued at Rupees 2,805-6-0, at Rupees 10-10-0 per garce, or Rupees 53,467-3-0 at the monopoly price of Rupees 202-8-0 per garce. I request sanction for writing off this sum.

Coercive process in the collection of Revenue.

29. Real and personal property of the estimated value of Rupees 6,519-11-1 was sold by auction for Rupees 8,940-7-7 in satisfaction of arrears of revenue. The surplus was returned to the owners. No defaulter was imprisoned during the year.

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Comparative Abstract of Collections.

30. A comparative abstract of collections is annexed:—

No. 16, B.—Comparative Abstract of Collections.

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Land Revenue permanently settled....	27,463	2,91,354	3,18,817	16,693	2,93,648	3,10,341	...	8,476
Jody on Shrotriem villages...	3,651	35,695	39,346	4,741	35,948	40,689	1,343	...
Ryotwar..................	2,22,101	20,87,143	23,09,244	2,40,054	22,26,839	24,66,893	1,57,649	...
Miscellaneous items......	19,607	1,28,005	1,47,612	1,01,917	1,61,339	2,63,256	1,15,644	...
Total...	2,72,822	25,42,197	28,15,019	3,63,405	27,17,774	30,81,179	2,66,160	...
Abkarry........................	9,000	72,450	81,450	9,000	63,460	72,460	...	8,990
Salt...........................	...	6,94,161	6,94,161	...	7,22,938	7,22,938	28,777	...
Sea Customs.............	...	85,734	85,734	...	85,947	85,947	213	...
Stamps....................	...	2,51,848	2,51,848	...	2,78,351	2,78,351	26,503	...
License Tax.............	...	17,582	17,582	...	19,416	19,416	1,834	...
Income Tax........	...	...	...	...	729	729	729	...
Total...	9,000	11,21,775	11,30,775	9,000	11,70,841	11,79,841	49,066	...
Grand Total...	2,81,822	36,63,972	39,45,794	3,72,405	38,88,615	42,61,020	3,15,226	...

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31. The collections, both current and arrears, amounted to Rupees 42,61,020 against Rupees 39,45,794. The increase of Rupees 3,15,226 is due to less remission being granted in the year under review, and to the early settlement of some of the talooks.

Charges.	
Fuslies.	RS.
1277	3,06,255
1278	2,83,314
Decrease...	22,941

32. There has been a net decrease of Rupees 22,941 under this head, as shown in the margin; the particulars are exhibited in Statement No. 9; the causes for decrease are given below:—

		RS.	A.	P.
Decrease owing to the full salaries of the Collector, Sub-Collector, and Head Assistant Collector not having been disbursed throughout the year		11,982	0	0
Do. owing to no charge having been incurred in this year on account of the Steamer "Godavery"		2,108	0	0
Do. owing to the salary of the Salt Deputy Collector not having been disbursed for two months in the year		559	0	0
Do. owing to the abolition of the establishment of Paliakail and Kulasegarapatam salt pans		1,495	0	0
Do. owing to a small quantity of salt having been manufactured		21,420	0	0
Decreased charge for covering salt heaps		996	0	0
Do. for widening and repairing salt platforms		4,282	0	0
Decrease in other items		372	0	0
Total Decrease...		43,214	0	0
Increase consequent on the special refund of dry land assessment in Nanguneri Talook under Government Order, dated 17th April 1868, No. 1,005	1,457 0 0			
Do. owing to deputation allowance having been disbursed to the Acting Collector	15,826 0 0			
Do. owing to batta having been paid to Talook servants under the recent orders of the Board	1,265 0 0			
Do. owing to the increased sale of stamps which caused the increased charge for discount to stamp vendors	969 0 0			
Do. in other items	756 0 0			
Total Increase...		20,273	0	0
Net Decrease...		22,941	0	0

Importation of Salt.

33. No salt was imported into the district.

Village and Talook accounts.

34. The Village and Talook accounts are kept according to the prescribed forms. They were examined, and except in a few cases found correct. The accounts in the English department are kept according to the prescribed forms.

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Lands acquired by public Servants.

35. Six public servants acquired lands during the year by purchase and mortgage, these lands have been registered in their names with three exceptions. Particulars are given below:—

No. 17.—Abstract Statement showing the extent of Land acquired by Public Servants in Fusly 1278.

Name of Officer.	Office and Department.		Land Acquired. Extent.	Land Acquired. Assessment.	Remarks.
			ACRES.	RS. A. P.	
Gopalier	Vernacular Accountant, Collector's Office.	Nunjah. . Punjah... Palmyrah	0·90 0·17 1·30	7 8 0	Purchase.
Shunmugam Pillay.	English Clerk, Collector's Office.	Nunjah...	5·95	70 3 8	Mortgage.
Nellanayagam Pillay.	Head Clerk, Head Assistant Collector's Office.	Do. ...	2·89	50 0 0	Do.
Valarturuvakumperumal Pillay.	Goomastah in Tenkarai Talook.	Do. ... Punjah...	0·65 57·38	5 8 5 87 4 3	Ancestral property.
Hari Raw...	Goomastah in Tinnevelly Talook.	Nunjah...	1·73	34 14 6	Purchase.
Gopalier...	Goomastah in Nanguneri Talook.	Do. ... Punjah... Palmyrah	2·48 8·64 0·5J	42 12 0	Purchase and mortgage.

Remarks on the conduct of the subordinate Officers.

36. I cannot close this report without mentioning the valuable assistance I have received from V. Vurdacharlu, the Head Sheristadar, and I do so the more willingly, as, owing to his proximate retirement from the service, this is the only opportunity I shall have of mentioning his services.

An Abstract Statement showing the total Beriz of the District for Fusly 1278, in comparison with the Beriz of last Fusly, and of the five years preceding.

37. Last year's revenue, which amounted to Rupees 42,19,308-5-10, is the highest on record since the assumption of the district by the British Government, and as compared with the beriz of Fusly 1277 the increase is Rupees 1,80,585-6-8, and compared with the average of the preceding five years the increase is Rupees 3,31,807-5-11.

Fuslies.	Revenue of the District during the 5 years. RS.	A.	P.
1273....................................	38,55,158	9	9
1274....................................	35,30,912	2	6
1275....................................	38,53,161	2	6
1276....................................	41,59,550	1	6
1277....................................	40,38,722	15	2
Total...	194,37,504	15	5
Average of five years..........................	38,87,500	15	11
Fusly 1278......................................	42,19,308	5	10
Increase over the previous five years' average.	3,31,807	5	11
Increase above last Fusly........................	1,80,585	6	8

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38. The Sub-Collector's Report on the settlement of the Sub-division will be forwarded on receipt.

COURTALLUM, (Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
23rd August 1869. Acting Collector.

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to submit the usual Report on the Annual Settlement of the Sub-division for last Fusly, 1278.

2. The following statement shows the places where the settlement was made, as well as the number of days occupied in settling each talook:—

Name of the Officer.	Talook.	Station where settlement was made.	Period occupied for settling each talook.
1	2	3	4
J. B. Pennington, Esq., Sub-Collector.	Ambasamudram	Temmarajsamudram. ...	3
		Shermadevi...	4
A. J. Stuart, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector.	Nanguneri	Nanguneri ...	8
	Tenkasi	Nannagrem ...	4

3. The number and tenure of the villages in the Sub-division have not undergone any change in 1278.

No. 2.—Statement showing the number and tenure of Villages.

Description of villages.	As per Fusly 1277.	As per Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Mottafysal..	408	408	......	......
Shrotriem	12	12	......	......
Inam	21	21	......	......

Statement No. 3.

Talook.	As per Fusly 1277.	As per Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Ambasamudram	13,501	13,386	......	115
Nanguneri... ...	11,821	11,948	127	......
Tenkasi...	6,479	6,728	249	......
Total...	31,801	32,062	376	115

4. The marginal Statement No. 3 shows the number of puttahs distributed during the year under report. Of these the following are the particulars:—

New puttahs................................. 180

New puttahs for old ones in which considerable alteration was necessary... 17,860

Old puttahs not altered 9,881

Do. slightly altered... 4,141

The increase in the number of new puttahs is chiefly owing to division of family property and variations in the old ones from alienations by sale, mortgage, etc. The fact that no Puttahdar in the district is able to raise a loan by mortaging his lands without at the same time applying for transfer of his puttah to the mortgagee chiefly accounts for the large variations under this head.

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5. The season was on the whole favorable, except in the southern and eastern parts of Nanguneri talook. Mr. Pennington has submitted a complete report on this subject in his letter dated 30th March last, No. 46. He says that the rains were more abundant and more evenly distributed than last year, and that the complaints of poor out-turn were owing to high expectations having been formed.

Health.

6. No epidemic ot any serious kind broke out during the year; small-pox made its appearance in a few places in the Nanguneri talook, but not to a serious extent.

7. Annexed is a comparative statement showing the cultivation of punjah and garden lands in 1278. The increase in the extent of the cultivation of the former is accounted for by the favorable nature of the season:—

Fuslies.	Item. Dry.	Garden.	Total.
	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
1277...............	2,16,279	2,834	2,19,113
1278...............	2,18,262	2,667	2,20,929

The decrease under the head of Garden is chiefly owing to the rules prohibiting the cultivation of Natham lands having been more rigidly enforced in the year under report.

8. The subjoined statement shows the extent of cultivation under the several sources of irrigation classified as River irrigation and rain-fed tanks.

It will be seen that although there was a decrease of 5,144 Acres under the rain-fed tanks there was a much larger increase in the extent cultivated by means of river irrigation. The decrease was owing to the precarious nature of the supply of water in the rain-fed tanks by which the ryots of several villages were induced to cultivate a second crop under river irrigation in preference to a single crop under rain-fed tanks. This difference is unusually large, because last year the ryots cultivated a large extent of land under rain-fed tanks, as they were allowed to pay a light assessment for any hot weather crop that they might cultivate; whereas such indulgence not having been extended to them this year they preferred to raise a second crop under a more certain source of irrigation to risking their labor and money when they were uncertain of receiving a return. Taking the cultivation under the two sources of irrigation together there was an increase of 2,595 Acres cultivated this year over last year's cultivation. This is accounted for by the favorable character of the season in the year under review.

Sources of Irrigation.	Extent of cultivation.				Failure of crop.			
	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	ACRES.	ACRES.			ACRES.	ACRES.		
Car. River irrigation ...	29,389	30,176	787	......	...	...	...	...
Car. Rain-fed tanks... ...	1,531	1,445	......	86	...	...	...	...
Total...	30,920	31,621	701	......	...	...	...	...
Pisanum. River irrigation	53,550	60,532	6,982	......	...	...	...	...
Pisanum. Rain-fed tanks.	13,227	8,169	......	5,058	...	...	...	...
Total...	66,777	68,701	1,924	......	...	...	...	...
River irrigation	82,939	90,708	7,769	......	330	51	...	279
Rain-fed tanks	14,758	9,614	......	5,144	481	52	...	429
Total...	97,727	1,00,322	2,595	......	811	103	...	708

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9. The following statement exhibits the variations in the Ryots' holdings in the current as compared with the last Fusly:—

Items.	Dry.				Wet.				Total.			
	Land.	Assessment.			Land.	Assessment.			Land.	Assessment.		
	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.
Extent of land in ryots' holdings at the commencement of Fusly.	3,47,745	1,58,527	15	1	73,571	8,06,437	1	2	4,21,316	9,64,965	0	3
Deduct land relinquished by the ryots and transferred from one head to another, etc.	3,205	2,565	5	6	879	10,337	11	2	4,084	12,903	0	8
Remainder...... ...	3,44,540	1,55,962	9	7	72,692	7,96,099	6	0	4,17,232	9,52,061	15	7
Add lands newly taken up for cultivation.	1,471	1,507	1	5	342	18,265	9	4	1,813	19,772	10	9
Total...	3,46,011	1,57,469	11	0	73,034	8,14,364	15	4	4,19,045	9,71,834	10	4
Particulars. Cultivated. ...	2,20,929	1,06,895	5	8	68,672	7,77,386	8	0	2,89,601	8,84,281	13	8
Particulars. Waste ..	1,25,082	50,574	5	4	4,361	36,978	7	4	1,29,443	87,552	12	8

The facts that the ryots have given up till the new settlement some lands under the rain-fed tanks and paying a heavy assessment accounts for the difference which need scarcely be noticed.

10. The annexed statement shows the particulars of waste charged and remitted as compared with Fusly 1277. On careful inquiry the assessment upon such lands as have been left waste from causes beyond the ryots' control were remitted. The concession so granted amounts to Rupees 6,733 against Rupees 27,358 remitted last year. When it appeared that the waste was the result of the ryots' neglect it was charged, as also when no application for remission was made, and in this way 1,28,847 Acres, bearing an assessment of Rupees 80,819, have been charged against 1,25,886 Acres, yielding a revenue of Rupees 70,040 in Fusly 1277.

Items.	As per Fusly 1277.				As per Fusly 1278.				Increase.				Decrease.			
	Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.			Extent.	Assessment.		
	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.	ACRES.	RS.	A.	P.
Waste charged......	1,25,886	70,040	2	5	1,28,847	80,819	9	11	2,961	10,779	7	6	......	......	...	...
Waste remitted......	6,914	27,358	14	5	596	6,783	2	9	...	......	...	...	6,318	20,625	11	8
Total...	1,32,800	97,399	0	10	1,29,443	87,552	12	8	...	......	...	...	3,357	9,846	4	2

Statement of Remission.

Items.	Fusly 1277. RS. A. P.	Fusly 1278. RS. A. P.	Increase. RS. A. P.	Decrease. RS. A. P.
Occasional.				
1. Remission on account of Shavy...	6,878 5 3	605 10 4	....	6,272 10 11
2. Do. do. of Manipudi or short produce...	23,245 9 11	82 13 7	....	23,162 12 4
3. Do. by wet lands having been charged with Punjah rate of 3 Rupees per acre ...	704 15 6	31 4 7	....	673 10 11
4. Do. on account of half teerwah on high level Nunjah lands ...	3,608 7 2	3,372 14 3	....	235 8 11
5. Do. on lands cultivated with the special concession—Vide Departmental C. O., No. 12, 29th February 1868 ...	3,245 9 8	....	....	3,245 9 8
6. Do. on account of half teerwah on land cultivated with Nunjah by means of agaput water.	....	45 0 11	45 0 11	....
7. Waste. Bunger...	41,901 1 8	6,669 0 5	....	35,232 1 3
7. Waste. Shamlat ...	1,373 14 8	32 13 9	....	1,341 0 11
Total...	80,957 15 10	10,839 9 10	45 0 11	70,163 6 11
Customary.				
8. Ready money Inam ...	8,855 4 4	13,225 10 8	4,370 6 4	....
9. Maniem in grain ...	3,078 9 10	3,045 4 2	....	33 5 8
10. Chaturbagum ...	15,157 5 4	15,903 0 8	745 11 4	....
11. Ardamaniem...	1,025 2 0	937 12 4	....	87 5 8
12. Remission of quarter and half teerwah on lands cultivated by Mahayanum ...	1,471 8 10	1,606 15 3	135 6 5	....
13. Do. on account of Ivu and Dittam Inams for Village Service ...	197 6 11	197 6 11	....	....
Total...	29,785 5 3	34,916 2 0	5,251 8 1	120 11 4
Total Occasional and Customary ...	1,10,743 5 1	45,755 11 10	5,296 9 0	70,284 2 3
Miscellaneous.				
Deductions for teerwah on Topes...	3,335 8 1	3,610 3 2	274 11 1	....
Do. on Palmyrah...	8,570 7 5	8,393 11 6	....	176 11 11
Do. on account of buildings...	12 15 0	12 5 4	....	0 9 8
Total...	11,918 14 6	12,016 4 0	274 11 1	177 5 7
Particulars. Occasional ...	2,312 12 3	2,655 13 9	344 14 6	....
Particulars. Customary ...	9,606 2 3	9,360 6 3	....	245 12 0
Grand Total...	1,22,662 3 7	57,771 15 10	5,571 4 10	70,461 7 10

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Statement of Remission—(*Continued.*)

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Occasional remission granted at the Jummahbundy with reference to the state of the season	83,270	12	1	13,495	7	7	......	...	...	69,775	4	6
2. Fixed remission...	30,800	8	11	30,206	10	5	......	...	...	593	14	6
3. Deduction for the payment of village servants.	8,590	14	7	14,069	13	10	5,478	15	3	......	...	...

Items 1, 2, 3 *and* 4.—The decrease under these heads arises from the favorable character of the season.

Item 5.—The decrease is owing to the concession granted by Collector's Circular, No. 14, of 29th February 1868, not having been extended to this year. By that order the charge on second crop raised on lands under rain-fed tanks was remitted in consideration of the first crop having failed altogether or yielded a poor out-turn.

Item 6.—This remission of half assessment was made on high level lands paying 3 Rupees an acre having been cultivated with nunjah partly by means of Government water. In fact it appeared that water was taken to it only once in the year.

Item 7.—The decrease under this was, of course, from the favorable nature of the seasons and included remissions on portions of fields left waste amidst crops which became shavi, and which in consequence received remission, as specified in No. 1.

Item 8.—The large increase under this is owing to the operation of the Board's Circular, No. 238, of the 12th March 1868, by which the allowances to Village Officers have been ordered to be deducted from the gross beriz of the village.

Item 9.—The decrease is in consequence of the commutation of grain fees into money payments.

Items 10 *and* 12.—The increase in these items arises naturally from the increased revenue of the year.

Item 11.—The decrease under this head arises from the enfranchisement of certain Inams, the quit-rent of which is brought to account under (Miscellaneous) Land Revenue.

11. The annexed statement shows the revenue derived from sundry sources, as compared with that of the preceding Fusly. The increase under this head is attributable to the increase of taxable trees come into bearing.

Statement of Sundry Sources.

Item.	As per Fusly 1277.			As per Fusly 1278.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Tope revenue, deducting remission...	46,091	14	5	46,192	14	8	101	0	3	...	...	...

12. The following statement shows the extent of lands cultivated with special crops:—

Fuslies.	Cotton.		Indigo.		Sugar-cane.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1277..	33,216	14,134	223	107	108	1,495
1278..	32,447	13,246	209	115	91	713
Increase...	......	......	......	8	......	......
Decrease...	769	888	14	......	17	782

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The decrease under cotton cultivation arises probably from the fall in the price of this article.

The slight increase in the extent of indigo cultivation, and the decrease in sugar-cane, deserve no notice. Some few experiments of the cultivation, of Carolina paddy were made. The result was far from being a success. Arrangements will be made for fresh experiments this year in accordance with the instructions received with Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd June 1869, No. 4,528, and the result communicated in due course.

13. The following statement shows in one view the Demand, Collection, and Balance of the Revenue for the year:—

Talooks.	Demand for Fusly 1278.			Collection.			Balance.			Subsequent collection up to Fusly.			Balance.			Per centage of actual balance or demand.
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	
Ambasamudram ...	4,37,898	1	11	4,14,890	12	11	23,007	5	0	13,839	8	7	9,167	12	5	2·02
Nanguneri	4,35,067	5	6	3,30,137	6	2	1,04,929	15	4	63,582	13	10	41,347	1	6	9·50
Tenkasi	1,95,501	12	1	1,78,012	14	7	17,488	13	6	9,211	4	2	8,277	9	4	4·23
Total...	10,68,467	3	6	9,23,041	1	8	1,45,426	1	10	86,633	10	7	58,792	7	3	5·50

The large amount of balance left uncollected at the close of the Fusly is certainly in great measure due to the difficulty thrown in the way of the Tahsildars by the Board's Standing Circular, No. 1 of 1869.

Vaccination.

14. The extent of coercive measures adopted in the collection of revenue, the operations of the special Vaccine Department, and the services rendered by the Dresser attached to this office in vaccinating children both at and near my head quarters and during my tours, have been so fully commented upon by my predecessor in his Administration Report submitted on the 13th April last that they require no further notice here.

Village accounts.

15. The most important of these accounts have been examined in nearly all the villages as they were settled. They were generally found to be kept according to the forms prescribed, though in some cases they were not neatly kept. The Revenue Inspectors have been strictly ordered invariably to examine the accounts of villages inspected by them, and to notice the fact and any irregularities they may observe in their Diaries. Instructions having been issued upon these monthly Diaries from time to time, and the Curnums at fault having been duly punished, some improvement has resulted. The Chittah of daily collections used to be much neglected; but under the supervision ordered by Mr. Pennington these important accounts are, it is believed, now kept more regularly and the entries made with less delay. With the same precautions it is hoped that better results may be reported next year.

NANGUNERI,
20th August 1869.

(Signed) A. J. STUART,
Acting Sub-Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

COIMBATORE.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the Settlement and collection of Revenue of this District for Fusly 1278, (1868-69,) together with the usual Returns.

2. Under Madras Act No. I. of 1868 the Neilgherries were separated from this district, and made over to the Commissioner on the 1st August 1868. The number of talooks has, therefore, been reduced from eleven to ten. The re-arrangement of divisions, sanctioned in the Government Order of the 29th January 1869, No. 258, has been postponed under the Board's Order, dated 5th March 1869, No. 1,476, till a building could be provided for the Sub-Collector's Cutcherry at Errode. The talook of Pollachy belonging to the Collector's Division was placed temporarily under the charge of the Head Assistant Collector by Mr. Wedderburn, who took Magisterial charge of the Coimbatore Talook. As B. Cooppa Rao, Deputy Collector, Northern Division, was absent on leave from 28th September 1868 to 17th June 1869, and the office of Deputy Collector, Southern Division, was vacant until the beginning of March 1869, the divisions were temporarily placed under the charge of Assistant Collectors.

I.—Places at which the settlement was made.

3. The settlement was commenced in January and completed in July. The villages at which the Jummahbundy was made, and the names of Officers by whom it was conducted, are shown in the following Memorandum:—

Names of Officers.	Talooks.	Places where settlement was made and Puttahs distributed.	Number of Ryotwar villages belonging to each Talook.	Time occupied by the settlement.
Collector's Division.				
C. A. Galton, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector.	Bhowany	Andiyoor and Bhowany.	67	From 17th to 22nd February 1869.
A. McC. Webster, Esq., Acting Collector.	Pollachy.........	Pollachy............	127	19th June 1869, and from 23rd to 26th June.
Sub-Collector's Division.				
B. Horsbrugh, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector.	Dharapoorum...	Konghiem and Dharapoorum.	83	From 8th to 24th April 1869.
A. McC. Webster, Esq., Sub-Collector.	Caroor...	Caroor	84	From 18th to 27th February 1869.
B. Horsbrugh, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector.	Oodoomulpettah.	Oodoomulpettah...	89	From 19th to 27th May 1869.

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Names of Officers.	Talooks.	Places where settlement was made and Puttahs distributed.	Number of Ryotwar villages belonging to each Talook.	Time occupied by the settlement.
Head Assistant Collector's Division.				
A. Wedderburn, Esq., Collector.	Coimbatore ...	Coimbatore	281	From 15th to 26th February 1869.
C. A. Galton, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector.	Pulladum... ...	Pulladum and Avenashy.	194	From 23rd February to 13th March 1869.
Northern Deputy Collector's Division.				
C. A. Galton, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector.	Suttimungalum.	Suttimungalum and Kondiampolliem.	237	From 6th to 16th February 1869.
C.D. Maclean, Esq., Assistant Collector.	Colligal	Colligal	146	From 28th June to 2nd July 1869.
Southern Deputy Collector's Division.				
A. Wedderburn, Esq., Collector.	Parindooray ...	Parindooray	210	From 22nd to 27th January 1869.

II.—Variations in the number and tenure of Villages, with remarks on the number of Puttahs that were not renewed.

4. At the beginning of the year there were 1,594 villages of all descriptions, of which 17 on the Neilgherries, with 80 hamlets, were removed from the accounts of this district during the year. The village of Nullampolliem, with its 5 hamlets, was transferred to the Dharapoorum Talook from the Madura District under the Orders of Government, dated 15th July 1868, No. 1,969. The total number of villages in the district is therefore 1,578, as shown in the following table:—

Items.	Inhabited.		Uninhabited.		Total.	
	Villages.	Hamlets.	Villages.	Hamlets.	Villages.	Hamlets.
Fusly 1278.						
Ryotwar	1,267	4,811	251	964	1,518	5,775
Shrotriem and Jagheer	9	11	1	6	10	17
Poliput	45	113	5	14	50	127
Total.........	1,321	4,935	257	984	1,578	5,919
Fusly 1277	1,334	5,009	260	985	1,594	5,994
Decrease.........	13	74	3	1	16	75

The village of Yellacadu Ramachendrapooram has been transferred from the Dharapoorum to the Caroor Talook under the orders of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th May 1868, No. 3,482. Consequently the number of ryotwar villages in the latter talook has been raised from 83 to 84, while the decrease in the former talook by the above transfer has been made up by the transfer to it of the village of Nullampolliem from the Madura District.

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5. The particulars concerning Puttahs are given in the Memorandum below:—

Fuslies.	Total number of Puttahs for Land Revenue and Miscellaneous Items.	PUTTAHS NOT RENEWED.			Renewed or fresh Puttahs issued.	Percentage of column 6 on column 2.
		Puttahs which remained altogether unaltered.	Modified by additional entries.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Fusly 1277	2,23,331	1,16,398	28,374	1,44,772	78,559	35
Deduct Puttahs appertaining to the Neilgherry talook removed from the accounts of this District	2,558	2,472	......	2,472	86	...
Remainder for Fusly 1277	2,20,773	1,13,926	28,374	1,42,300	78,473	35
For Fusly 1278	2,22,737	1,13,241	19,232	1,32,473	90,264	41
	Increase. 1,964	Decrease. 685	Decrease. 9,142	Decrease. 9,827	Increase. 11,791	Increase. 6

6. The aggregate number of puttahs shows an increase of 1,964, which is due to Government waste lands having been newly taken up for cultivation, and to the transfer of the Nullampolliem village from Madura to this district. The number of old puttahs remaining unaltered was nearly the same as in Fusly 1277, while the number of fresh puttahs issued amounted to 90,264, or 11,791 over and above that of the past Fusly. The issue of so many new puttahs became necessary owing to the amount remitted last year for poonjah waste and short produce having been again brought to account this year, and to the fact of the ryots having been more backward in producing their old puttahs for alteration than in the preceding year.

III.—Season and sanitary state of the District.

7. The following table shows the rain-fall from 1st April 1868 to 31st March 1869. The rain gauges now in use are those supplied by the Board in December 1868. They are reported by Division Officers to be in good condition, and the accounts are properly kept according to Mr. Pogson's instructions:—

	Rain-fall. Inches.		Rain-fall. Inches.
April 1868	0·62	October 1868	4·82
May ,, ...	3·43	November ,, ...	1·68
June ,, ...	3·52	December ,, ...	,,
July ,, ...	2·43	January 1869	0·11
August ,, ...	0·90	Febrоary ,, ...	0·22
September ,, ...	2·70	March ,, ...	0·27
Total...	13·60	Total...	7·10
		Grand Total...	20·70
		Fusly 1277...	22·52
		Decrease...	1·82

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The season was not favorable throughout the district, but it cannot be said to have been very unpropitious. It opened well, but the subsequent rains were scanty and partial. In those parts of the district which are situated under the influence of the south-west monsoon, the rain-fall was seasonable and not below the average. The north-east monsoon did not fail in the talooks of Pollachy, Coimbatore, Pulladum, Colligal, and parts of Dharapoorum and Oodoomulpettah. In the other parts of the district it was deficient. Where the north-east monsoon was favorable the dry crops yielded an average return. Where it was deficient the out-turn was about half the usual crop. In some villages the crop was less, but in no case did it entirely fail. The rain-fall during the 12 months, from 1st April 1868 to 31st March 1869, was 20·70 inches. This, though less than the average fall, was seasonable in the greater part of the district. The garden cultivation was good, and the supply of water in the wells did not fail. The most important wet crops depending chiefly on river irrigation turned out well. Under some rain-fed tanks and jungle streams the cultivation suffered to a slight degree from the want of a sufficient supply of water. On the whole the season was much better than last year.

The sanitary condition of the district was generally good. Epidemic diseases were less prevalent than in the previous year. The number of deaths from cholera and small-pox amounted to 15 and 664, respectively, against 373 and 1,050 in Fusly 1277.

The following table shows the number of deaths from different causes, as extracted from the Talookwar Return submitted to the Board with my letter of the 9th instant, No. 150:—

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5
NATURAL DEATHS.				
Cholera	373	15	......	358
Small-pox	1,050	664	......	386
Fever	2,315	3,381	1,066	......
Age	2,444	3,118	674	......
Other diseases	5,360	8,125	2,765	......
Total	11,542	15,303	3,761	......
FROM VIOLENCE. *Accidental deaths.*				
Drowning	237	243	6	......
Snake-bite	78	135	57	......
Wild beasts	16	19	3	......
Other causes	47	62	15	......
Total	378	459	81	......
Suicides.				
Hanging	6	12	6	......
Drowning	......	1	1	......
Poison	......	......	......	......
Other causes	1	4	3	......
Total	7	17	10	......
Murders	2	5	3	......
Grand Total	11,929	15,784	3,855	......
Population	13,92,586	13,93,582	......	......
Ratio of deaths per 1,000 from all causes	8·56	11·33	2·77	......
Do. per 1,000 from Cholera	0·26	0·01	......	0·25

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The low death-rate in Fusly 1277 (8 per mille) was attributed to the unreliable nature of the Village Returns. The returns submitted this year are, I consider, more reliable, and show an increased rate of 3 per mille. Considering that the sanitary condition of the district was generally very good, I attribute this increase to more exact returns having been prepared. There is still great room for improvement in the returns regarding the cause of deaths, and measures are being taken to ensure greater accuracy in their preparation. Cattle disease prevailed in parts of the district. The loss of cattle amounted to 36,075 head, or 1,285 in excess of the deaths during Fusly 1277, as shown below. The majority of deaths occurred in the talooks of Coimbatore, Colligal, Suttimungalum, Oodoomulpettah, Pollachy, Pulladum, and Caroor. There was a deficiency of forage in some localities during the latter end of the year:—

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278	Increase.	Decrease.
Bullocks	4,980	7,944	2,964	......
Cows	4,388	5,654	1,266	......
Buffaloes	1,933	1,566	......	367
Total	11,301	15,164	3,863	......
Sheep	23,489	20,911	......	2,578
Total	34,790	36,075	1,285	......

IV.—Prices of grain and the measures adopted to ensure the accuracy of these returns.

8. The following Comparative Statement shows the prices of the principal grains. Except in the case of 1st sort paddy and raggy the prices were higher than in Fusly 1277; the percentage of increase varying from 2 to 9:—

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Percentage.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Paddy, 1st sort, per garce	252	252	......	......
Do. 2nd do.	222	227	5	2
Cholum or Javary	273	297	24	9
Cumboo or Bajira	216	234	18	8
Raggy	241	236	Decr. 5	2
Horse-gram	272	289	Incr. 17	6

The price of cotton during the three months in which it is usually gathered is exhibited in the annexed table. The increased demand for this article has been the cause of the increased price:—

	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Difference.		Percentage.	
	Cotton in seed.	Cleaned cotton.	Cotton in seed.	Cleaned cotton.	Cotton in seed.	Cleaned cotton.	Cotton in seed.	Cleaned cotton.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
					Increase.			
March, per Candy	25	90	32	115	7	25	28	28
April do.	29	90	38	118	9	28	31	31
May do.	30	94	39	120	9	26	30	28

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V.—Ryots' holdings with causes for the abandonment of or taking lands.

9. At the commencement of the Fusly the Ryots' holdings amounted to Acres 22,71,549, assessed at Rupees 26,36,226, of which Acres 57,438, assessed at Rupees 27,984, have to be deducted, being the area of the lands held by ryots and others in the Neilgherry Talook, which has been formed into a separate district, and which will be exhibited in the accounts of the Commissioner of that district. The net area belonging to the Coimbatore District is 22,14,111, bearing an assessment of Rupees 26,08,242, as shown in columns 7 and 8 of Statement No. 3, and in Enclosure A. of that Statement. Of this extent Acres 47,027 were deducted on account of lands given up on Razeenamahs, or otherwise disposed of, leaving a net area of Acres 21,67,084 in the possession of the former owners. To this has to be added Acres 28,288 taken up from Government waste, and Acres 33,939 which were otherwise acquired or brought to account. The aggregate area in the possession of the ryots, as finally settled for Fusly 1278, amounts to Acres 22,29,311, assessed at Rupees 26,24,534, showing an increase over the holdings of the past year of Acres 15,200, assessed at Rupees 16,292.

10. The particulars of lands deducted under the head "Given up" are shown in the following Memorandum:—

No.	Items.	Extent.	Assessment.
		ACRES.	RS.
1	Lands resigned	16,481	13,141
2	Lands become useless or appropriated for some public purposes	170	228
3	Lands sold or transferred	29,976	37,648
	Other causes.		
	1. Transferred to Inam	158	268
	2. Nunjah transferred to Poonjah	6	30
	3. Poonjah transferred to Nunjah	149	147
	4. Deficiency on measurement	87	158
	5. Reduction of assessment	....	5
		400	608
	Total	47,027	51,625

Items Nos. 1 and 2 being of usual occurrence require no particular comment. The 3rd item embraces Acres 28,176, assessed at Rupees 35,718, actually transferred from their former owners to other parties, and Acres 1,436, bearing an assessment of Rupees 710, being the area of the holdings of the village of Yellakadu Ramachendrapooram, which has been transferred from the Dharapoorum to the Caroor Talook under the orders of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th May 1868. It also includes Acres 364, assessed at Rs. 1,220, being the area of detached portions of villages now transferred to other villages under the orders noted in the margin.

Board's Proceedings, dated 18th June 1868, No. 4,509.
Do. do. 7th August 1868, No. 5,728.
Do. do. 22nd do. No. 6,054.

11. Item No. 1, under the head "Other causes," embraces Inam lands allotted for religious and charitable institutions, which were included in the Government accounts in previous years, but which have now been re-transferred to the head of Inam, pending further inquiry, under the orders of the Inam Commissioner, conveyed in his letter of the 6th October 1868, No. 486.

12. Item 2 consists of lands which were originally classed as Nunjah, but now re-classed as Poonjah under the orders noted in the margin, owing either to their situation on a high level or to deficiency of irrigation.

Board's Proceedings, dated 18th January 1868, No. 405.
Do. dated 4th September 1863, No. 5,534

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13. Poonjah lands converted into Nunjah, irrigated from permanent sources of irrigation, have been transferred to the head "Wet," and these constitute Item No. 3.

14. Item No. 4 consists of lands which have been struck off the accounts according to the rules of the district, owing to deficiency found on re-measurement in the registered area.

15. In regard to Item No. 5 it is to be remarked that certain garden lands which were irrigated from wells, and were paying first class Poonjah assessment up to Fusly 1277, have this year been irrigated by means of picottahs fixed on the banks of rivers or Government channels. They have, therefore, been charged with their appropriate Poonjah assessment, *plus* an additional water-tax. The difference between the first class Poonjah assessment and the present Poonjah assessment is shown as a reduction of assessment.

Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 10th July 1866, No. 4,703.

16. The details of increase in Ryots' holdings are as follow:—

No.	Items.	Extent.	Assessment.
		ACRES.	RS.
1	Lands taken up on Durkhast	28,288	25,147
2	Lands acquired by purchase and transfer	29,976	37,649
3	Do. transferred to the Dharapoorum Talook from the Madura District, as per sanction of Government, dated 15th July 1868, No. 1,969	2,239	2,728
	Other causes.		
	1. Porumboke lands brought under cultivation	1,365	1,465
	2. Excess found on re-measurement	204	191
	3. Poonjah transferred to Nunjah	149	721
	4. Nunjah transferred to Poonjah	6	6
	5. Increase of assessment	......	10
		1,724	2,393
	Total...	62,227	67,917

17. Items Nos. 1 and 3 need no explanation. Item No. 2 embraces lands transferred between ryots by sale, gift or otherwise, as well as lands transferred from the Dharapoorum to the Caroor Talook and from one village to another.

18. Under the head "Other causes" the Items Nos. 1 and 2 are of usual occurrence, and do not call for particular remark. Items Nos. 3 and 4 have been already explained under the head "Deductions." The particulars of Item No. 5 are as follow:—

1st.—Certain Nunjah lands, assessed at a reduced rate owing to their being irrigated by means of picottahs, have this year been irrigated by running water from Government channels, and have, therefore, been charged with the appropriate Nunjah assessment.

2nd.—A piece of dry land, assessed at Poonjah rates, has this year been irrigated from a well dug within ten yards of the channel bund, and has, therefore, been charged with the first class

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Poonjah assessment of the village, *plus* Teerwah Jasty. The difference between the former and present assessment in the above cases, amounting to Rupees 10, is brought under the head "Increase of assessment."

VI.—Actual cultivation.

19. The area of land under actual cultivation amounts to Acres 18,94,500, assessed at Rupees 23,23,674, or Acres 18,668, bearing an assessment of Rupees 29,530 in excess of that of the past year, as indicated in the following Memorandum:—

Items.	Fusly 1277, exclusive of the Neilgherry Talook.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	17,97,495	16,89,452	18,15,469	17,13,810	17,974	24,358	......	......
Wet	78,337	6,04,692	79,031	6,09,864	694	5,172	......	......
Total...	18,75,832	22,94,144	18,94,500	23,23,674	18,668	29,530	......	......

VII.—Waste charged and remitted with reasons.

20. The subjoined Memorandum shows the extent of waste charged and remitted:—

Items.	Fusly 1277, exclusive of the Neilgherry Talook.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Waste charged.								
Dry	2,47,685	1,98,477	3,27,318	2,51,995	79,633	53,518	......	......
Wet	1,918	21,088	4,352	31,296	2,434	10,208	......	......
Total...	2,49,603	2,19,565	3,31,670	2,83,291	82,067	63,726	......	......
Waste remitted.								
Dry	83,559	65,755	23	22	......	......	83,536	65,733
Wet	5,117	28,779	3,118	17,546	......	......	1,999	11,233
Total...	88,676	94,534	3,141	17,568	......	......	85,535	76,966

21. Under the head "Waste charged" there is an increase of Rupees 63,726, while under that of "Waste remitted" there is a decrease of Rupees 76,966. These results are due to the fact that the waste lands on which, owing to the unfavorable character of the season, remissions were granted last Fusly have this year been charged with full assessment. The small sum of 22 Rupees remitted on dry waste is the assessment on certain lands made over to the Railway Department.

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They will be transferred to the head "Porumboke" in Fusly 1279. The remission on Nunjah waste, amounting to Rupees 17,546, was granted according to the prescribed rules in cases in which the lands were left uncultivated from want of water.

VIII.—Particulars of remissions.

22. The following Comparative Statement shows the remissions granted:—

Items.	Fusly 1277, exclusive of the Neilgherry Talook.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5
Occasional Remissions.				
1. Shamilat Bunger or portion of field left uncultivated	....	....	....	....
2. Shavy or withered crops. Dry	1,74,819	....	....	1,74,819
Wet	9,261	4,520	....	47,41
	1,84,080	4,520	....	1,79,560
3. Palanastam or loss of produce	....	....	....	....
4. Panyboodthy } or land flooded or injured by water 5. Payamaly }	....	....	....	....
6. Cowle remissions	4,215	3,560	....	655
7. Theajagary or remissions to privileged classes	432	429	....	3
8. Teerwah Cummy. On Punjam Hissa grass land.	47,424	44,814	....	2,610
On Nunjah land cultivated with Poonjah or garden produce	33,833	28,926	....	4,907
	81,257	73,740	....	7,517
9. Fasul Cummy or 2nd crop not cultivated.	36,416	37,333	917	....
Miscellaneous Items.				
10. Remissions for cultivation of cotton on improved principle	59	15	....	44
Fixed Remissions.				
11. Taram Cummy to be retained in the accounts	661	661	....	....
	3,07,120	1,20,258	....	1,86,862

23. In Fusly 1277 Poonjah remissions to the amount of Rupees 1,74,819 were granted under the Board's sanction, dated 18th January 1868. As no similar remissions have been found necessary during the year under report the above sum is shown as "Decrease." The remissions for withered crops on wet lands show a decrease of Rupees 4,741. These remissions were principally granted to lands at the extreme point of irrigation of the Ambravatty river in the Caroor Talook, and in some localities under the Noyel river in the Coimbatore Talook, where the wet crops withered from want of a sufficient supply of water.

24. Cowle remissions show a decrease of Rupees 655, owing to prescribed rates of assessment having been charged according to the terms of the cowle on certain lands held under that tenure. The decrease of 3 Rupees in Item No. 7 is due to a portion of land held by certain privileged classes having been cultivated with other than their own stock, and therefore charged with full assessment.

25. A portion of the land held on Punjum Hissa grass tenure was brought under cultivation and charged with full assessment. Certain Nunjah lands which were cultivated with Poonjah

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or garden produce in Fusly 1277 from want of water have this year been cultivated with wet crops, and charged with their proper assessment. Consequently there is a decrease of Rupees 7,517 under the head "Teerwah cummy."

26. Under the head "Fasul cummy" there is an increase of Rupees 917, which is due to the fact that certain two crop lands which were laid waste last year owing to deficiency of water, and on which the full assessment was remitted, have been cultivated with a single crop this year and charged accordingly; the difference between the double and single crop assessment being entered as remission.

27. The sum of 15 Rupees in Item No. 10 is the remission granted by the Acting Sub-Collector Mr. Horsbrugh, under the Board's Order of the 1st November 1861, No. 5,995, for the cultivation of cotton on improved principles to a certain ryot in the Dharapoorum Talook. As stated in paragraph 30 of Mr. Wedderburn's Jummahbundy Report for Fusly 1277, the term of five years granted by Government expired in that year; no remission should, therefore, have been granted. Steps have been taken for the recovery of the amount from the party concerned, and it will be credited to the head "Sevoy jumma."

28. The sum of Rupees 661 under the head "Teerwah cummy" is the reduction of assessment on certain cocoanut gardens— *Vide* Board's Order, dated 26th March 1863, No. 1,808. This reduction is subject to modification during the general revision of the Coimbatore assessment, and is, therefore, retained in the accounts.

IX.—Particulars of Land Revenue, Miscellaneous.

29. The annexed abstract exhibits the particulars of Land Revenue, Miscellaneous:—

No.	Items.	Fusly 1277, exclusive of Neilgherry Talook.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1	Jody on Sundry Inams (Personal.)	28,040	28,038	...	2
2	Tax on trees on unassessed lands.	2,054	1,019	...	1,035
6	Land cultivated, but not included in the Jummahbundy............	2,847	3,844	997	...
7	Concealed cultivation...............	25	...	...	25
9	Cultivation of Porumboke lands .	1.020	1,632	612	...
12	Grazing tax or Grass rent.........	2,138	1,697	...	441
15	Revenue from reverted Inams ...	33	...	...	33
16	Collections from Village Service Inams for offices vacant.........	661	1,016	355	...
17	Revenue from sequestered Inams	1,199	96	...	1,103
20	Do. from boundary lands in dispute....................	24	36	12	...
29	Rent on Palmyrah trees............	11,547	12,671	1,124	...
31	Do. on Fruit trees..................	1,000	946	...	54
40	Commission on the sale of distrained property attached for arrears of Land Revenue	...	25	25	...
41	Do. on private Estates under Circar management ...	356	291	...	65
43	Revenue fines.........................	1,759	3,100	1,341	...
45	Excess collections over the demand	51	45	...	6
46	Water-tax on Zemindary, Inam, etc., lands	1,998	2,199	201	...
47	Quit-rent on Bungalows and Gardens	311	311	...	...
51	Other items	2,478	2,347	...	131
	Total...	57,541	59,313	4,667	2,895
	Net Increase...	...	...	1,772	...

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30. The variations observable in Items Nos. 1, 7, 15, 20, 31, 40, 45, 46 and 51 being small do not require explanation. The decrease of Rupees 1,035 in Item No. 2 arises from the tax on certain palmyrah trees on unassessed lands, which was included in this item up to Fusly 1277, having been transferred to its appropriate head in Item No. 29 during the year under report. To the same reason is due the increase in the latter item. The increase in Nos. 6 and 9 is due to the extent of waste and Porumboke lands brought under cultivation without permission, according to the Durkhast rules, being greater than in Fusly 1277. The decrease in No. 12 is to be attributed to some lands held on Paravapilvari tenure having been brought under cultivation and charged with full assessment. The increase in No. 16 arises from certain village offices having been vacant for a longer period than in the preceding year. Certain Inam lands, which were held under temporary attachment up to Fusly 1277, have since been restored to the Inamdars, and consequently there is a decrease of 1,103 Rupees in Item No. 17. The decrease in No. 41 is attributable to the reduced amount of collections made in Fusly 1277 in the estates under the management of the Court of Wards, which has proportionately reduced the amount of commission paid to Government for that year in Fusly 1278. The amount of fines recovered from Village Officers for neglect of duty was greater than in the preceding Fusly; hence the increase in Item No. 43.

X.—Extent of land cultivated with special products, such as Sugar-cane, Cotton, and Indigo.

31. The area of land cultivated with special products amounts to Acres 1,19,799, assessed at Rupees 1,38,667, as shown below:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Sugar-cane......	1,864	12,878	2,119	14,257	255	1,379	...	...
Cotton............	1,19,247	1,25,567	1,17,680	1,24,410	...	...	1,567	1,157
Indigo............	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	1,21,111	1,38,445	1,19,799	1,38,667	...	222	1,312	...

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XI.—Abstract Statement showing the general result of the Land Revenue Settlement in comparison with the preceding year, and also the result of the revision of assessment.

32. The following is a comparative abstract of cultivation and settlement drawn up according to Form A., furnished with the Board's Circular Memorandum of the 14th August 1866, No. 787.

Items.	Last Fusly, exclusive of the Neilgherry Talook.		Present Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	20,45,180	18,87,929	21,42,787	19,65,805	97,607	77,876	...	...
Wet	80,255	6,25,780	83,383	6,41,160	3,128	15,380	...	...
Total...	21,25,435	25,13,709	22,26,170	26,06,965	1,00,735	93,256	...	...
Add								
Second crop Assessment	... ...	307	... ...	282	... ...	...	...	25
Additional do.	... ...	165	... ...	356	... ...	191	...	...
Water-tax	... ...	8,651	... ...	9,029	... ...	378	...	...
Road Fund	... ...	1,09,404	... ...	98,243	... ...	...	...	11,161
Village Service Fund	... ...	......	... ...	......	... ...	...	...	...
Total...	... ...	26,32,236	... ...	27,14,875	... ...	82,639	...	...
Deduct Remissions.								
Road Fund	... ...	1,09,404	... ...	98,243	... ...	...	...	11,161
Village Service Fund	... ...	......	... ...	......	... ...	...	...	...
Other remissions as particularized in Statement No. 4	... ...	3,07,120	... ...	1,20,258	... ...	...	...	1,86,862
Total...	... ...	4,16,524	... ...	2,18,501	... ...	...	...	1,98,023
Remaining beriz	... ...	22,15,712	... ...	24,96,374	... ...	2,80,662	...	...
Add Miscellaneous items	... ...	57,541	... ...	59,313	... ...	1,772	...	...
Total...	... ...	22,73,253	... ...	25,55,687	... ...	2,82,434	...	...
Add.								
Poliput Peishcush	... ...	27,691	... ...	27,691	... ...	...	...	...
Shrotriem Jodigay	... ...	3,418	... ...	3,418	... ...	...	...	...
Grand Total...	... ...	23,04,362	... ...	25,86,796	... ...	2,82,434	...	...

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33. It will be seen from the above statement that the aggregate demand of Land Revenue for the year under report is in excess of that of the past Fusly by Rupees 2,82,434, owing chiefly to the remissions granted in Fusly 1277 for Poonjah waste and short produce having been brought to account in Fusly 1278. A comparison, with the average beriz of the past ten years, also shows an increase of Rupees 1,36,354, as indicated below:—

	RS.	
Fusly 1268	24,95,834	
,, 1269	24,49,464	
,, 1270	23,31,972	
,, 1271	22,63,298	
,, 1272	25,45,809	
,, 1273	26,25,761	
,, 1274	24,24,998	
,, 1275	24,74,892	
,, 1276	25,88,029	
,, 1277	23,04,363	The beriz of the Neilgherry Talook has been excluded, and the net demand of the ten Talooks is shown for Fusly 1277.
Total.........	2,45,04,420	
Average......	24,50,442	
Fusly 1278	25,86,796	
Increase......	1,36,354	

34. As directed in clause 5 of paragraph 4 of the Board's Circular Memorandum of the 14th August 1866, a statement showing the ayacut and cultivation of wet lands under the several sources of irrigation in this district is appended.

	Total Ayacut.		Deduct.						Remaining under cultivation.		Actual Revenue after deducting remissions.
	Extent.	Assessment.	Inam.		Government waste and Putcut waste remitted.		Total.		Extent.	Assessment.	
			Extent	Assessment.	Extent	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.			
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRE	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.
Channels branching from the Bhowany river.	26,325	2,54,312	1,484	20,674	1,347	7,876	2,831	28,550	23,494	2,25,762	2,19,172
Do. from the Ambravaty river	24,191	1,77,604	2,734	23,152	690	2,582	3,424	25,734	20,766	1,51,870	1,45,434
Do. from the Noyel river ...	18,470	1,61,134	2,570	21,815	2,111	14,978	4,681	36,793	13,789	1,24,341	92,974
Do. from the Cauvery river..	5,431	41,704	1,157	8,207	145	771	1,302	8,978	4,129	32,726	33,016
Do. from the Aliyar river ...	4,529	21,813	265	1,285	50	468	315	1,753	4,214	20,060	19,801
Jungle Streams...	6,719	28,957	220	1,204	1,550	5,926	1,770	7,130	4,949	21,827	17,289
Rain-fed Tanks ...	16,583	89,290	1,569	9,015	2,973	15,701	4,542	24,716	12,042	64,574	50,512
Total...	1,02,248	7,74,814	9,999	85,352	8,866	48,302	18,865	1,33,654	83,383	6,41,160	5,78,198
			Government waste		5,748	30,756	Actual cultivation.		79,031	6,09,364	Ryotwary Revenue. 5,69,860
			Putcut waste remitted...		3,118	17,546	Waste charged ...		4,352	31,296	Jody on Inams. 8,338
											5,78,198
			Actual Revenue on wet lands for Fusly 1277........................								5,46,104
			Increase in Fusly 1278..................								32,094

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35. Adverting to clause 5, paragraph 4 of the Board's Memorandum of the 14th August 1866, No. 787, an abstract, showing the number of ruined Tanks made over to private individuals up to the end of the Fusly, is subjoined:—

Talooks.	Name and number of Tanks.	Ayacut extent.	Assessment as per Pymaish accounts.	Land applied for and granted.			Year in which the Tanks were made over to the applicants.	Extent of land charged with stipulated rate of assessment, as well as the Revenue for Fusly 1278.		Remarks.
				Rate of assessment per acre.	Extent.	Amount of assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.	
		ACRES.	RS.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.		ACRES.	RS.	
Coimbatore.	Moodoor 1	Wet ... 18	61	1 0 0	Wet... 14	14 0 0	Fusly 1275..	14	14	Tank still incomplete, 4 Acres only cultivated. Full assessment has been charged.
Bhowany	Chennumbutty...... 1	Wet ... 269	2,035	2 8 0	Wet ... 269	673 0 0	Fusly 1275...	...	...	Tank was twice reconstructed, but breached. There is no cultivation under it. Assessment remitted.
	Areacoundanoor ... 1	„ ... 78	233	2 8 0	„ ... 74	185 0 0	„ 1275...	33	83	Tank reconstructed, but breached. Only 37 Acres brought under cultivation. The assessment on the remaining portion has been remitted.
	Moottoor 1	„ ... 135	803	2 8 0	„ ... 22	55 0 0	„ 1276...	...	...	Tank completed, but no cultivation has been commenced. Assessment remitted.
	Singiriputty 1	„ ... 25	...	2 8 0	„ ... 25	63 0 0	„ 1277...	11	28	Tank is being repaired. Only 11 Acres brought under cultivation. Assessment on the remaining portion remitted.
	Elepily 1	„ ... 99	...	2 8 0	„ ... 99	247 0 0	„ 1277...	16	39	Do. do. Only 16 Acres brought under cultivation. Assessment on the remaining portion remitted.
	Nagaloor 1	„ ... 50	351	2 8 0	„ ... 50	125 0 0	„ 1277...	20	50	Tank completed. Only 20 Acres brought under cultivation. Assessment on the remaining portion remitted.
Oodoomulpettah.	Ramasamoodrum Tank in Komaralingum village. 1	Dry... 1,884 Acquired by purchase	1,158	2 8 0 0 9 10	Wet ... 400 Dry ... 995 1,395 Dry... 38 1,433	1,000 0 0 612 0 0 1,612 0 0 22 0 0 1,634 0 0	Fusly 1247	Wet... 400 Dry...1,033 1,433	1,000 634 1,634	Tank and Channel have been nearly completed. 300 Acres have been brought under wet and 135 Acres under dry cultivation. The term of four years granted for the reconstruction having already expired, full assessment has been charged on the whole extent.
	Papankolum Tank in Yelayamoottoor.... 1	Wet ... 95	448	2 8 0	Wet... 77	193 0 0	Fusly... 1277.	Wet cultivation. 77	193	Work completed. The whole extent has been brought under cultivation and charged with full assessment.
Caroor.........	Korayuttoo Anicut and Tank in the village of Shendamangalum 1	Wet ... 132	...	2 8 0	Wet ... 132	330 0 0	Fusly ... 1277	Dry ... 132	128	Tank is out of order. Only dry cultivation is carried on. Poonjah assessment has been charged, the remaining portion of the assessment remitted.

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36. A statement showing the result of the revision of assessment is subjoined. Under the orders of the Board of Revenue noted in the margin, a reduction of assessment was made on certain immemorial waste lands left uncultivated from over-assessment. The extent of land affected by this revision is Acres 78,152, of which 34,356 Acres were taken up by the ryots up to Fusly 1277, and Acres 1,140 in the year under report, making in all Acres 35,496:—

Dated 17th June 1864, No. 3,724.
„ 18th July 1864, No. 4,385.
„ 10th May 1865, No. 2,879.

	Dry.				Wet.				Total.			
	Extent.	Original assessment.	Deduct reduction.	Net assessment.	Extent.	Original assessment.	Deduct reduction.	Net assessment.	Extent.	Original assessment.	Deduct reduction.	Net assessment.
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Teta extent of waste land on which reduction of assessment was made	78,048	84,273 6 1	24,812 9 2	59,460 12 11	104	758 0 9	331 14 4	426 2 5	78,152	85,081 6 10	25,144 7 6	59,886 15 4
Deduct waste land to be taken up hereafter.	42,583	49,138 9 8	13,677 6 11	35,461 2 9	73	531 4 8	238 10 8	292 10 0	42,656	49,669 14 4	13,916 1 7	35,753 12 9
Remainder taken up by the Ryots up to Fusly 1277	34,346	33,913 11 3	10,866 2 3	23,047 9 0	10	65 4 10	29 3 8	36 1 2	34,356	33,979 0 1	10,895 5 11	23,083 10 2
In Fusly 1278	1,119	1,221 1 2	269 0 0	952 1 2	21	161 7 3	64 0 0	97 7 3	1,140	1,382 8 5	333 0 0	1,049 8 5
Total immemorial waste brought under cultivation	35,465	35,134 12 5	11,135 2 3	23,999 10 2	31	226 12 1	93 3 8	133 8 5	35,496	35,361 8 6	11,228 5 11	24,133 2 7

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XII.—Sundry sources of Revenue.

37. The revenue from Sundry sources amounts to Rupees 3,88,103, or Rupees 26,379 less than that of the past year, as shown in the subjoined Memorandum:—

Items.	Fusly 1277, exclusive of the Neilgherry Talook.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Abkarry	2,55,100	2,20,000	...	35,100
Miscellaneous	667	1,017	350	...
Total...	2,55,767	2,21,017	...	34,750
Stamps	1,37,563	1,52,873	15,310	...
Miscellaneous	1,258	52	...	1,206
Total...	1,38,821	1,52,925	14,104	...
License Tax	19,694	10	...	19,684
Profession and Trades Tax	197	10,823	10,626	...
Income Tax	......	3,328	3,328	...
Total...	19,891	14,161	...	5,730
Grand Total...	4,14,479	3,88,103	...	26,376

38. The decrease under the head of Abkarry is owing to the reduction made in the amount of rent under the Board's sanction in consequence of losses said to have been sustained by the Abkarry Contractor.

39. The increase in Stamp revenue is in consequence of the provisions of Act No. XXVI. of 1867 being better understood and more strictly followed. The decrease of Rupees 1,206 under "Miscellaneous" arises chiefly from the penalties levied by the Judicial Department on unstamped or insufficiently stamped documents having been carried to the head "Law and Justice" from April 1868, under the orders of the Accountant General.

License Tax.
Profession and Trades Tax.
Income Tax.

40. In regard to the variations observable under the three heads noted in the margin it is to be remarked that the minimum limit of income liable to tax under Act No. XXI. of 1867 was 200 Rupees; whereas by Act No. IX. of 1868 it was raised to 500 Rupees, and the new Income Tax Act has been brought under operation only at the latter end of the Fusly year. Under these circumstances there is a net decrease of Rupees 5,730.

XIII—Abstract showing the revenue both from Land and Sundry sources of Revenue in comparison with the preceding year.

41. The aggregate revenue of the district, both from Land and Sundry sources, amounts to Rs. 29,74,899, or Rs. 2,56,057 over that of the past year as shown below:—

Items.	Fusly 1277, exclusive of the Neilgherry Talook.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Land Revenue	23,04,363	25,86,796	2,82,433	......
Sundry Sources	4,14,479	3,88,103	......	26,376
Total...	27,18,844	29,74,899	2,56,057	......

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XIV.—Remarks on Sevoy Jummah and interest account.

42. The remarks on the Sevoy Jummah or Miscellaneous Items under each major head of revenue have already been given in their appropriate places, and no further explanation is here needed. The interest recovered during the year amounted to Rupees 623, namely—

	RS.
On arrears of land	318
Do. of Abkarry revenue	305
	623

XV.—Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of Revenue.

43. The Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of Revenue are shown in the following table:—

Items.	Demand for Fusly 1278.	Collection within the Fusly.	Balance at the end of the Fusly.	Subsequent collection up to 31st July 1869.	Balance.
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Poliput Peishcush	27,691	27,289	402	402	....
Shrotriem Jody	3,418	2,715	703	591	112
Ryotwar	24,96,374	23,66,305	1,30,069	76,997	53,072
Miscellaneous items	59,313	52,505	6,808	2,808	4,000
Total...	25,55,687	24,18,810	1,36,877	79,805	57,072
Total Land Revenue...	25,86,796	24,48,814	1,37,982	80,798	57,184
Sundry sources.					
Abkarry Revenue	2,21,017	2,05,055	15,962	....	15,962
Stamp Revenue	1,52,925	1,52,925	....	....	....
License Tax	10	10	....	....	....
Profession and Trades Tax	10,823	10,823	....	....	....
Income Tax	3,328	3,328	....	....	....
Total...	3,88,103	3,72,141	15,962	....	15,962
Grand Total...	29,74,899	28,20,955	1,53,944	80,798	73,146

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44. Out of the Abkarry balance Rupees 14,500 have since been recovered, and the small sum of 1,462 will be collected shortly. The greater part (Rupees 38,840) of the balance of Land revenue, amounting to Rupees 57,184, is reported by the Tahsildars to have been collected since the 31st July. A sum of Rupees 2,233 will, however, have to be struck off the accounts; Rs. 1,322 being the assessment charged on certain cowle land, and Rupees 911 being remission, which on appeal was found necessary on certain lands in the Nullampolliem village lately transferred from the Madura District, and for which it was not possible to obtain the sanction of the Board before the expiration of the Fusly. The papers relating to these two cases have been lately received, and will form the subject of a separate communication.

XVI.—Demand, Collection, and Balance of arrears.

Fuslies.	Land Revenue.		
	Ryotwar.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1274	....	28 11 11	28 11 11
1275	1 6 11	28 11 11	30 2 10
1276	380 3 1	....	380 3 1
1277	1,996 11 2	1,086 0 2	3,082 11 4
	2,378 5 2	1,143 8 0	3,521 13 2
Deduct collection from 1st to 31st July 1869	44 9 7	45 0 10	89 10 5
	2,333 11 7	1,098 7 2	3,432 2 9

* Fuslywar particulars.

45. The arrears at the beginning of the year amounted to Rupees 1,95,530, of which Rupees 1,88,989 were collected within the Fusly, and Rupees 3,019 were written off the accounts, leaving a balance of Rupees 3,522* at the end of the year. This has been reduced to Rupees 3,432 by subsequent collections, as will be seen in the annexed Memorandum:—

Items.	Arrears at the begining of the Fusly, exclusive of Neilgherry Talook.	Collections, etc., within the Fusly.			Balance at the end of the Fusly.	Subsequent collections up to 31st July 1869.	Balance.
		Collection.	Remission.	Total.			
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Shrotriem Jody... ...	671	671	......	671	....	....	......
Ryotwar... ...	1,75,343	1,70,165	2,800	1,72,965	2,378	45	2,333
Miscellaneous... ...	9,791	8,428	219	8,647	1,144	45	1,099
Total...	1,85,134	1,78,593	3,019	1,81,612	3,522	90	3,432
Total Land Revenue.	1,85,805	1,79,264	3,019	1,82,283	3,522	90	3,432
Sundry sources of Revenue.							
Abkarry... ...	9,725	9,725	......	9,725	....	....	......
Grand Total...	1,95,530	1,88,989	3,019	1,92,008	3,522	90	3,432

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XVII.—Comparative Abstract of Collections with reasons for fluctuations.

46. A Comparative Abstract of collections is appended, as directed in paragraph 9 of the Board's Official Memorandum, dated 14th August 1866, No. 787.

Items.	Last Fusly, exclusive of Neilgherry Talook.			Present Fusly.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Zemindary or Poliputs	129	27,691	27,820	....	27,289	27,289	....	531
Shotriem Jody, etc.	703	2,747	3,450	671	2,715	3,386	....	64
Ryotwar	72,495	20,44,169	21,16,664	1,70,165	23,66,305	25,36,470	4,19,806	....
Miscellaneous	4,194	48,066	52,260	8,428	52,505	60,933	8,673	....
Total...	76,689	20,92,235	21,68,924	1,78,593	24,18,810	25,97,403	4,28,479	....
Total...	77,521	21,22,673	22,00,194	1,79,264	24,48,814	26,28,078	4,27,884	....
Sundry Sources.								
Abkarry	18,925	1,91,005	2,09,930	9,725	2,05,055	2,14,780	4,850	....
Stamps	....	1,38,821	1,38,821	....	1,52,925	1,52,925	14,104	....
License Tax	....	19,694	19,694	....	10	10	....	19,684
Profession and Trades Tax	....	197	197	....	10,823	10,823	10,626	....
Income Tax	....	....	....	....	3,328	3,328	3,328	....
Grand Total...	96,446	24,72,390	25,68,836	1,88,989	28,20,955	30,09,944	4,41,108	... .

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47. The increase in the collection of Land Revenue is due, first, to the arrears at the beginning of Fusly 1278 being much greater than in the previous year; and, secondly, to the amount remitted last year on Poonjah waste and Shavy having been brought to account this year, thereby increasing the demand.

48. The increase under the head "Abkarry Revenue" is owing chiefly to no remission having been granted as in the preceding Fusly.

Stamps.
License Tax.
Profession and Trades Tax.
Income Tax.

The fluctuations under the heads noted in the margin have been already explained—*Vide* paragraphs 39 and 40 of this report.

XVIII.—Recommendation in regard to the irrecoverable arrears.

49. The aggregate amount of arrears outstanding at the close of the Fusly was Rs. 3,521-13-2, of which Rupees 89-10-5 were recovered up to the 31st July 1869; the balance still outstanding is Rupees 3,432-2-9. Of this sum Rupees 55-12-10 are recoverable, Rupees 2,148-14-2 are doubtful, and Rupees 1,227-7-9 are irrecoverable for the reasons shown below, and I beg, therefore, to recommend that sanction be obtained for writing off the latter sum from the accounts.

	RS.	A.	P.
Amount due from absconded ryots, being the balance after deducting the amount realised from the sale of their property....................	33	8	1
Do. from pauper ryots do. do.	31	14	10
Do from a pauper ryot on the Thalingee hills in the Oodoomulpettah Talook, as explained in paragraph 22 of the accompanying report from the Sub-Collector............	313	15	6
Other causes.			
Amount of erroneous charge of assessment on certain land in Pollachy Talook....................	40	3	4
Amount of double charge on a piece of land in Perindoray Talook....	5	2	3
Amount of assessment on certain Inam lands in Pulladum Talook which were held under temporary attachment, but which have since been restored to the owners as they appeared to receive the title-deeds before the expiration of the time allowed.........	802	11	9
	1,227	7	9

XIX.—Irrecoverable arrears struck off the accounts.

50. The irrecoverable arrears written off the accounts during the year under review amount to Rupees 3,019-11-11, as hereunder shown:—

				RS.	A.	P.
Amount sanctioned in the Government Order of the 22nd December 1868, No. 3,200..				1,133	1	5
Do. do. dated 11th May 1869, No. 1,313.........				2,050	6	11
				3,183	8	4
Deduct amount appertaining to the Neilgherries, which the Commissioner of that district has been requested to write off in his accounts..				66	9	9
				3,116	14	7
Deduct again amount collected before the receipt of sanction..........				97	2	8
Land Revenue, Ryotwar.....................	2,800	6	0			
Do. Miscellaneous..............	219	5	11			
Net amount written off the accounts..				3,019	11	11

XX.—Extent to which Coercive process was employed.

51. From Enclosure A. to Statement No. 8 it will appear that in 388 cases processes were issued for the recovery of arrears, amounting to Rupees 2,285. The estimated value of real and personal property attached was Rupees 474 and the amount actually realised by its sale was Rupees 568.

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XXI.—Charges.

52. The details of charges of the Revenue Department are shown below:—

Items.	Last Fusly, exclusive of the Neilgherry Talook.	Present Fusly.	Increase.	Decrease.
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Refunds of Revenue	70	98	28	....
Salaries and Expenses.				
2. Collectors' salaries	56,935	58,208	1,273	....
3. Tent and House-rent allowances	6,030	7,780	1,750	....
4. Huzoor and Talook Establishments	99,378	99,113	....	265
5. Saderward	1,938	1,777	....	161
6. Medical charges	534	838	304	....
7. Contingencies	117	25	....	92
8. Miscellaneous	6,968	7,100	132	....
Total...	1,71,900	1,74,841	2,941	....
9. Abkarry charges	2	477	475	....
10. Stamp do.	6,176	6,818	642	....
11. License Tax do.	2,375	6	....	2,369
12. Profession and Trades Tax do.	....	998	998	....
13. Income Tax do.	....	5	5	....
Grand Total...	1,80,523	1,83,243	2,720	....

53. The variations in Items Nos. 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 being small call for no explanation. The increase in Nos. 2 and 3 is owing to the number of Assistant Collectors employed in the district being greater than in the previous year. The increase in Item No. 6 is due to the enhanced rate of pay drawn by the Dressers attached to the Revenue Department. In Fusly 1278 the Abkarry contract was renewed, and the charges of registration of the renters' Muchilka was paid by Government. Such was not the case in the preceding year; hence the increase. The expenditure under Items Nos. 11, 12 and 13 shows a net decrease of Rupees 1,366, and requires no comment. The increase in Item No. 10 is in consequence of the payment of the discount to stamp vendors in proportion to the increased sales of stamps.

XXII.—Examination of the Village and Talook accounts.

54. Both the Village and Talook accounts were carefully examined by the Settlement Officers and their Head Ministerial servants, and are reported to be properly kept. The Huzoor Treasury accounts are correctly kept under the Treasury Deputy Collector, Ragoonatha Rao.

XXIII.—Brief reference to the Register of lands acquired by public servants.

55. The rules prescribed in the Board's Standing Circular of the 13th October 1862, No. 6,843, are duly attended to. The number of cases in which lands were acquired and relinquished by public servants is shown below:—

	Huzoor Servants.			Talook Servants.			Total.		
	No.	Acres.	Assessment.	No.	Acres.	Assessment.	No.	Acres.	Assessment.
Lands relinquished			RS.			RS.			RS.
In this District	6	79	263	37	1,123	2,413	43	1,202	2,676
In other Districts	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Total...	6	79	263	37	1,123	2,413	43	1,202	2,676
Lands acquired									
In this District	4	31	208	28	177	512	32	208	720
In other Districts	......	......	......	1	3	3	1	3	3
Total...	4	31	208	29	180	515	33	211	723

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XXIV.—Sub-Collector's Report.

56. The report of the Acting Sub-Collector, Mr. Best, on the settlement of the talooks of his division, is submitted herewith.

XXV.—Remarks on the conduct of subordinate Officers.

57. The conduct of all the subordinate and Division Officers has been most satisfactory. The services of C. Vencatasiah, Head English Clerk, have been favorably noticed in many preceding Jummahbundy Reports, and I quite concur in the opinions therein expressed.

XXVI.—Working of the Rules for the sale of unassessed waste lands.

58. There were no sales of land under these rules during the year under report, but a sum of Rupees 12,287-15-3 forming the following items, and which up to the end of Fusly 1277 was held under the head of Revenue deposits, was transferred to the head "Sale of waste lands and redemption of quit-rent on Inams" in Fusly 1278:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Sale proceeds of unassessed waste lands sold on the Annamalais under the rules of 5th March 1863, No. 476	10,933	7	3
Do. of lands sold for agricultural purposes previous to the promulgation of the above rules	652	0	0
Do. of building sites	702	8	0
Total...	12,287	15	3

COIMBATORE,
26th August 1869.

(Signed) A. McC. WEBSTER,
Acting Collector.

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to submit the Jummabbundy Report for Fusly 1278, together with the prescribed Statements.

2. The settlement was made by yourself and Mr. Horsbrugh as specified below:—

Officers by whom settlement was made.	Talooks.	Places.
Mr. A. McC. Webster, Sub-Collector......	Caroor.	Caroor.
Mr. B. Horsbrugh, Acting Sub-Collector.	Dharapooram.	Kongiem and Dharapooram.
Do. do. ...	Oodoomulpettah.	Oodoomulpettah.

3. There is an increase of one village and five hamlets over last Fusly, caused by the transfer of Nullampolliem and its hamlets from the Madura District to the Dharapooram Talook of this district, (*vide* Order of Government, dated 15th July 1868, No. 1,969.) The village of Yellakadu Ramachendrapooram with its three hamlets has also been transferred from the Dharapooram to the Caroor Talook, (*vide* Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th May 1868, No. 3,482.

The number of villages and hamlets in the several talooks of the Sub-division as they now stand is as follows:—

Talooks.	Villages.	Hamlets.
Caroor	84	691
Dharapooram	83	972
Oodoomulpettah	89	155
Total	256	1,818
In the last Fusly ...	255	1,813
Increase... ...	1	5

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4. The annexed statement shows the particulars of puttahs for the year:—

Total number of Puttahs for Fusly 1277	... ...	53,421
Deduct Puttahs cancelled on account of relinquishment, transfer of lands, etc., etc.	... ...	894
Remainder	...	52,527
Add fresh Puttahs...	...	1,287
Total...	...	53,814
Of these—Puttahs remaining unaltered...	... ...	24,605
Do. altered and re-issued	... ...	29,209

The large amount of remission granted last year for Poonjah lands having been brought to account this year rendered necessary the re-issue of so large a number of puttahs as 29,209.

5. The rain gauges in the several talooks are reported to be in good condition, and the accounts properly kept. The following statement shows the rain-fall in the Cusbah station of each talook:—

Months.	Dharapooram.		Caroor.		Oodoomulpettah.	
	Inches.	Decimals.	Inches.	Decimals.	Inches.	Decimals.
April 1868	1	60	...	...	...	40
May ,, ...	5	84	8	55	4	55
June ,, ...	1	62	5	6	3	49
July ,, ...	...	78	3	77½	1	66
August ,, ...	...	...	1	96½	...	70
September ,, ...	2	4	1	60	...	39
October ,, ...	1	37	3	87½	8	31
November ,, ...	2	87	...	60	1	17
December ,, ...	...	5	...	12½	...	5
January 1869	...	18	...	12½	...	...
February ,, ...	...	70	...	...	...	55
March ,, ...	...	...	...	13	...	50
Total...	17	5	25	80½	21	77

6. The season was unfavorable for agricultural purposes. The early rains from April to June were abundant, and the ryots were thereby enabled to bring portions of their Poonjah lands into cultivation; but the subsequent rains in the following months having been scanty and partial the yield of the first crop was a little below half the usual produce in the three talooks, and the second crop, the cultivation of which was commenced in September, partially failed owing to want of rains in the subsequent months. Garden cultivation was tolerably good and yielded an average produce, though in some places the second harvest was very scanty from deficiency of water in wells. The Nunjah lands in the three talooks under the Cauvery and Ambravatty yielded an average return, though at the extremity of the irrigation under the latter river in the Caroor Talook the crops withered away, and some lands were left waste owing to deficiency of water.

The rain-fed tanks, four in Caroor and eight in Oodoomulpettah Talook, received a fair supply, and the cultivation under them was good. It may, however, be mentioned that most of the lands under these tanks have wells, and full crops of cholum, paddy, and sugar-cane were harvested, although some land to a very small extent was left unploughed under some of the tanks of the latter talook owing to their situation at the end of the irrigation.

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7. The sanitary condition of the Sub-division was good. The number of recorded deaths from cholera is shown below:—

Talooks.	Last Fusly.	Present Fusly.	Decrease.
Caroor	164	......	......
Dharapooram	61	......	......
Oodoomulpettah	380	......	......
Total...	605	......	......

8. Cattle disease prevailed in the three talooks, and 16,629 animals are said to have died of it.

Talooks.	Cows, bullocks, and buffaloes.	Sheep.	Total.
Dharapooram	635	2,136	2,771
Caroor	909	2,922	3,831
Oodoomulpettah	3,129	6,898	10,027
Total......	4,673	11,956	16,629
Fusly 1277	2,059	9,092	11,151
Increase...........	2,614	2,864	5,478

9. The following comparative statement gives the average prices of different kinds of grain:—

Grains.	Fusly 1276.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Comparison between Fuslies 1277 and 1278.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Paddy	331 0 11	260 15 8	241 10 11	... ...	19 4 9
Cholum	421 12 9	266 10 11	314 14 1	48 3 2	... ...
Cumboo	315 15 7	209 12 2	230 11 4	20 15 2	... ...
Raggy	323 11 4	216 13 9	232 5 5	15 7 8	... ...
Horse-gram	431 14 5	260 3 9	296 4 5	36 0 8	... ...

10. The ryots' holdings and cultivation are shown in Statement No. 3, and its Enclosure A, from which it will appear that in the ryots' holdings there is a net increase of 5,242 Acres, bearing an assessment of Rupees 7,035-9-5, as compared with last Fusly, as particularized below:—

Fuslies.	Acres.	Assessment.
		RS. A. P.
1277	7,62,084 6 3	7,83,488 0 10
1278	7,67,327 4 3	7,90,523 10 3
Net increase	5,242 14 0	7,035 9 5

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11. Certain garden lands irrigated from wells in the Dharapooram Talook were paying first class Poonjah assessment up to Fusly 1277, but the ryots having this year irrigated the lands by means of picottahs fixed on the banks of the river and Government channels these lands, (under the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th July 1866, No. 4,703,) were charged with appropriate Poonjah assessment, *plus* an additional water-tax. This constitutes Item No. 8 in the above Enclosure A., under the head "Lands given up."

	RS.	A.	P.
First class Poonjah assessment paid last Fusly...	11	6	3
Amount now charged.			
Appropriate Poonjah assessment	6	9	11
Water Tax	18	5	6
	24	15	5
Increase	13	9	2
Decrease in the assessment..........................	4	12	4

Item No. 6, under the head "Lands taken up," shows a sum of Rupees 7-8-0 as increase of assessment, the particulars of which are as follow:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Amount paid last Fusly	2	5	7
Garden assessment now charged.....................	11	3	10
Of which first class Poonjah rate entered as the assessment of the land	5	14	0
Remainder carried to account as Teerwah Jasty	5	5	10
Increase of assessment	3	8	5

1*st.*—A piece of Poonjah land, which was up to last Fusly paying its own Poonjah assessment, having been irrigated this year from a well dug within ten yards from the channel bund, is now charged with the first class Poonjah assessment of the village and Teerwah Jasty, under the above order of the Board.

2*nd.*—Some Nunjah lands irrigated by means of picottahs in consequence of their situation on a high level, and assessed formerly at a reduced rate, having been irrigated this year by running water, have been assessed at the full Nunjah rate.

12. The actual extent of cultivation when compared with that of last Fusly is less by Acres 6,613, bearing an assessment of Rupees 3,091-13-7, as shown below:—

Fuslies.	Acres.	Assessment. RS.	A.	P.
1277	5,92,374	6,49,921	5	2
1278	5,85,761	6,46,829	7	7
Net Decrease......	6,613	3,091	13	7

13. From the Enclosure A. it will be seen that waste lands charged this year amount to Acres 1,81,364, assessed at Rupees 1,42,820-13-3; but a portion of this, amounting to Acres 39,065, assessed at Rupees 28,986-13-7, is held as Ayen or Panjam Hissa grass on payment of one-fourth of the full assessment. The remaining Acres 1,42,299, assessed at Rs. 1,13,833-15-8, were uncultivated under circumstances not warranting remission of assessment, they are, therefore, charged at the full rate.

Waste remitted amounts to Rupees 873-5-5, owing to Nunjah lands under the tanks and Ambravatty having been left uncultivated from want of water, as shown in paragraph 5 of this report. This is far below the remission granted last year as shown below:—

Fuslies.	RS.	A.	P.
1277..	26,126	10	9
1278..	873	5	5
Decrease...	25,253	5	4

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14. The Comparative Abstract of cultivation and settlement is subjoined:—

Items.	Last Fusly.		Present Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
Dry ...	7,08,960 10 2	5,55,885 4 9	7,37,610 0 1	5,81,973 0 10	33,649 5 3	26,587 12 1	... ...	... ...
Wet ...	27,864 11 1	2,01,976 1 4	29,515 8 3	2,07,677 4 0	1,650 13 2	5,701 2 8	... ...	... ...
Total...	7,81,325 5 3	7,57,861 6 1	7,67,125 9 0	7,89,650 4 10	... ...	32,288 14 9	... ...	... ...
Add								
Second crop Assessment...	... ...	43 4 5	... ...	44 2 9	... ...	0 14 4	... ...	... ...
Additional Assessment...	... ...	105 3 0	... ...	110 5 7	... ...	5 2 7	... ...	... ...
Water Tax ...	... ...	3,044 14 1	... ...	3,169 3 0	... ...	124 4 11	... ...	... ...
Road Fund ...	... ...	30,572 15 10	... ...	30,834 10 3	... ...	261 10 5	... ...	... ...
Total...	... ...	33,766 5 4	... ...	34,158 5 7	... ...	392 0 3	... ...	... ...
Grand Total...	... ...	7,91,127 11 5	... ...	8,23,808 10 5	... ...	32,680 15 0	... ...	... ...
Deduct Remissions.								
Road Fund ...	... ...	30,572 15 10	... ...	30,834 10 3	... ...	261 10 5	... ...	... ...
Other remissions, as particularized in Statement No. 4...	... ...	87,997 5 8	... ...	33,933 11 8	... ...	... ...	... ...	54,063 10 0
Total...	... ...	1,18,570 5 6	... ...	64,768 5 11	... ...	... ...	... ...	53,801 15 7
Remaining beriz ...	... ...	6,72,557 5 11	... ...	7,59,040 4 6	... ...	86,482 14 7	... ...	... ...
Add Miscellaneous items ...	... ...	22,382 3 11	... ...	24,338 6 1	... ...	1,956 2 2	... ...	... ...
Total...	... ...	6,94,939 9 10	... ...	7,83,378 10 7	... ...	88,439 0 9	... ...	... ...

15. The increase of Rupees 32,288-14-9 is owing to the remission granted last year for Poonjah and Nunjah waste in Caroor and Oodoomulpettah Talooks having been brought to account this year, as well as to waste lands having been taken up on durkhast, and to the beriz of Nullampolliem transferred from Madura to this district. Under the head "Water tax" there is an increase of Rupees 124-4-11. This is owing to certain Poonjah lands on which last year no crop or only one crop had been raised by means of water taken from the Government channels, having this year been cropped once or twice under the above mode of irrigation. The increase of Rupees 261-10-5 in the item of Road Fund arises from the village of Nullampolliem transferred to this district, and from grass and waste lands having been brought into cultivation.

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16. The cultivation of country sugar-cane and cotton is shown in Enclosure B. in Statement No. 3; there is a decrease in the former and an increase in the latter as specified below:—

Fuslies.	Sugar-cane.	Cotton.
	ACRES.	ACRES.
1277..	550	53,132
1278..	489	58,857
	Decrease 61	Increase 5,725

17. The Statement No. 4 exhibits all the remissions with the exception of those granted on account of lands left waste. The increase of Rupees 2,296-13-6, under the head of Nunjah Shavy, is owing chiefly to crops having withered in the Caroor Talook, as specified in paragraph 5.

The Item No. 2, "Teerwah cummy," consists of the three-fourths assessment remitted on Ayen or Panjum Hissa grass land paying one-fourth of the assessment, and the difference between Nunjah and Poonjah assessment paid on Nunjah lands cultivated as Poonjah.

From this statement it will be seen that all the remissions granted this year are considerably less by Rupees 54,063-10-0 than those granted last year.

Fuslies.	RS.	A.	P.
1277	87,997	5	8
1278	33,933	11	8
Decrease......	54,063	10	0

18. The "Miscellaneous Revenue" is detailed in Statement No. 5, from which it will be seen that the increase of Rupees 1,956-2-2 is owing chiefly to revenue fines, water-tax on Inam lands, and the sale proceeds of kachats. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st March 1869, No. 2,070, two statements are subjoined showing the particulars of water-tax collected on Inam lands.

STATEMENT showing the amount of water-tax collected as second crop assessment on one crop Inam Nunjah.

Talook.	Extent in Cawnies.	Whether the second crop raised is Nunjah or Poonjah.	Rate per Cawny.	Amount of Water-tax.
Dharapooram	20 5 3	Nunjah	3 8 0	71 4 2
	14 5 2	Poonjah........................	1 12 0	25 1 7
	34 11 1		... ...	96 5 9

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STATEMENT showing the amount of water-tax collected on Inam Poonjah lands irrigated from Government channels.

Talooks.	Extent in Cawnies.	Whether one crop or two crops.	Rate per Cawny.	Amount of Water-tax.
Dharapooram	1 2 0	Nunjah two crops	7 0 0	7 14 0
Caroor	1 6 1	Do.	7 0 0	9 15 2
	2 8 1			17 13 2
Dharapooram	4 0 0	Nunjah one crop	3 8 0	14 0 0
		Poonjah one crop	1 12 0	7 0 0
				21 0 0
Caroor	4 14 2	Nunjah one crop	3 8 0	17 2 8
		Poonjah one crop	1 12 0	8 9 4
				25 12 0
	8 14 2			46 12 0
Dharapooram	12 2 2	Nunjah one crop	3 8 0	42 8 9
Caroor	1 8 3	Do.	3 8 0	5 7 7
	13 11 1			48 0 4
Dharapooram	1 3 2	Poonjah second crop	3 8 0	4 4 3
Caroor	3 0 1	Do.	3 8 0	10 10 9
	4 3 3			14 15 0
Caroor	0 13 3	Poonjah one crop	1 12 0	1 8 1
			... ...	129 0 7

19. Statement No. 6 shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of the Zemindary, etc.

20. Statement No. 7 shows the Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of Revenue, current and arrears. The entire demand in the year under report was Rupees 8,70,985-3-0, of which Rs. 8,15,676-7-10 were collected within the Fusly, leaving a balance of Rs. 55,308-11-2 on the 30th June 1869. This is now reduced to Rupees 17,548-6-5, for the realization of which the necessary measures are being taken.

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21. A Comparative Abstract of collections is annexed according to Form B:—

Items.	Fusly 1277. Arrears.	Fusly 1277. Current.	Fusly 1277. Total.	Fusly 1278. Arrears.	Fusly 1278. Current.	Fusly 1278. Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Land Revenue.								
Permanently settled	... ...	8,831 12 3	8,831 12 3	... ...	8,831 12 3	8,831 12 3	... ...	... ...
Ryotwar	7,675 7 3	5,99,646 11 0	6,07,322 2 3	72,750 5 10	7,06,666 0 6	7,79,416 6 4	1,72,094 4 1	... ...
Miscellaneous items	550 5 8	18,697 15 3	19,248 4 11	3,530 10 3	22,403 14 11	25,934 9 2	6,686 4 3	... ...
Total...	8,225 12 11	6,27,176 6 6	6,35,402 3 5	76,281 0 1	7,37,901 11 8	8,14,182 11 9	1,78,780 8 4	... ...
Abkarry	1,233 0 0	22,154 3 11	23,387 3 11	... ...	25,027 10 2	25,027 10 2	1,640 6 3	... ...
Stamps	... ...	50,201 0 0	50,201 0 0	... ...	52,747 2 0	52,747 2 0	2,546 2 0	... ...
	9,458 12 11	6,99,531 10 5	7,08,990 7 4	76,281 0 1	8,15,676 7 10	8,91,957 7 11	1,82,967 0 7	... ...

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22. Of the outstanding balance of Fusly 1277, amounting to Rupees 81,294-15-7, the sum of Rupees 76,281-0-1 was collected and 4,700 Rupees remitted under the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th May 1868, No. 3,260, and 5th June, No. 4,398. This leaves a balance of Rupees 313-15-6, which is irrecoverable. The particulars of this are as follow:—

The lands in the village of Thalingee and Codandoor Hills in the Oodoomulpettah Talook were, until Fusly 1269, rented to different parties on payment of an annual sum. In Fusly 1270 the Collector having directed the introduction of the Ryotwary system in letting out these hills, some Poonjah and Nunjah lands were granted to one Coopiah for five years by Mr. Roberts, who was of opinion that a permanent Puttah might be issued after the lands have been demarcated and surveyed under the new Settlement system. This grant having expired in Fusly 1274 the same was renewed for three years by Mr. McQuhae. This latter term expired in the last Fusly. The beriz due by Coopiah for Fusly 1277 amounted to Rupees 543-0-9, of which he paid before the close of the Fusly Rupees 91-6-1, leaving a balance of Rupees 451-10-8 at the beginning of Fusly 1278. His immoveable property was attached and sold, and a sum of Rs. 107-15-9 was realised. A balance of Rupees 343-10-11 is still standing against him. When the land was made over to him a bond was taken from his sureties, but the bond having been executed on an unstamped paper the attachment of the sureties, property was considered illegal—*Vide* correspondence noted in the margin. During the settlement of the village inquiry was made as to the condition of the defaulter, when it was found that he is without the means of paying the balance still due. I therefore recommend its being written off the accounts.

	RS.	A.	P.
Land Revenue...	313	15	6
Road Cess...	29	11	5
	343	10	11

Letter from Sub-Collector, dated 10th September 1868, No. 276.
Letter from Collector, dated 24th October 1868, No. 504.

23. In only one case was coercive process resorted to during the year for the collection of revenue in the sub-division; in that case the amount of arrears due was Rupees 421-15-3; the estimated value of the personal property attached was Rupees 77-8-5, whereas the amount it realised was Rupees 107-15-9.

24. The Village and Talook accounts were found to be kept in proper form.

25. No landed property was acquired by public servants during the Fusly.

26. The following statement shows the principal sources of irrigation in the Sub-division:—

Talooks.	Irrigation works.	Ayacut after deducting Inam.		Cultivation.		
		Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Amount of collection
		ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	
Dharapooram....	Ambravatty Anicuts and Channels	6,459	60,330	6,418	60,111	56,161
Caroor	Ambravatty Anicuts and Channels	9,137	55,501	8,832	53,967	49,014
	Cauvery Channels	4,238	33,298	4,097	32,543	32,495
Oodoomulpettah.	Ambravatty Anicuts and Channels	5,861	38,621	5,516	37,792	37,664
	Total...	25,695	1,87,750	24,863	1,84,413	1,75,334

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27. No ruined tanks were made over to individuals during the Fusly.

KONGIEM,
10th August 1869.

(Signed) J. W. BEST,
Acting Sub-Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF THE

NEILGHERRY HILLS.

I HAVE the honour to submit my Report on the Jummahbundy Settlement of this district for Fusly 1278 (1868-69) accompanied by Statements prepared in the required forms.

Villages at which the Settlement was made.

1. The Settlement was commenced in March, and completed in May 1869. The villages at which the Jummahbundy was made, and the name of the officer by whom it was conducted, are shown in the annexed memorandum.

Name of Officer.	Villages.	Places where Settlement was made.	Place where puttahs were distributed.	Time occupied by the Settlement.
J. W. Breeks, Esq., Comr. of Neilgherry District.	Poodeenuttum ... Sembunuttum ... Seegoor	Muvernullah	Muvernullah	From 2nd to 4th March 1869.
	Todanaud	Woolhutty	Woolhutty and Hebbanaud.	From 5th to 9th do.
	Koondah	Munjeevoor	Munjeevoor	From 19th to 23rd do.
	Maiknaud	Kendoolah	Kendoolah	From 9th to 11th April 1869.
	Paranganaud and Kombays.........	Coonoor	Coonoor and Orusolay.	From 24th to 28th do. From 7th to 9th May 1869.

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Number and tenure of villages.

2. Number and tenure of villages.

Items.		Number of villages.	Number of hamlets.
Ryotwar	Cultivated	17	397
	Deserted	....	....
		17	397
Total for Fusly 1278 ...	Cultivated	17	397
	Deserted	....	....
		17	397
Total for Fusly 1277 ...	Cultivated	17	397
	Deserted	....	....
Decrease	Cultivated Ryotwar	....	....
Increase	Deserted do.	....	....

Particulars concerning puttahs.

3. The particulars concerning puttahs are given in the memorandum below :—

Fuslies.	Total number of puttahs for Land Revenue and Miscellaneous items.	Puttahs not renewed.			Renewed on fresh puttahs issued.	Per centage of column 6 on column 2.
		Puttahs which remained altogether unaltered.	Modified by additional entries.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Fusly 1277.	2,558	2,472	......	2,472	86	3
„ 1278.	2,532	2,385	......	2,385	147	5
Decrease ...	26	87	......	87	......	......
Increase ...	......	......	......	......	61	......

Season and Sanitary state of the district.

4. I referred to the Sanitary state of the district in paragraph 8 of my Administration Report. I have little to add to that, except that, since then, I have heard of two or three cases of dysentery at Ootacamund, and of fever at Coonoor. It is not unlikely that these cases may have been partly caused by the labours of the Municipal Commissioners, who, while making steady progress in sanitary reform, are necessarily stirring for the first time the accumulation of years.

The Mortuary Return given below shows an increase of 272 deaths over the previous fusly. The proportion of deaths to population of the year under report is 2 per cent. I question whether much reliance can be placed even upon the present Returns, although perhaps more than on those of former years ; more than half the mortality arose from fever which seems to attack periodically most of the villages facing the great gorges leading to the plains.

There were 98 deaths (12 per cent. of the mortality) from small-pox against 7 in the previous year. Vaccination should be compulsory. The greatest part of the deaths occurred in the Paranganaud villages.

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Rain-fall.

5. Rain-fall during the year under report at Ootacamund.

Months.		Rain-fall. Inches.	Rain-fall. Tenths.
Ootacamund.			
First half year ...	April 1868 ...	1	20
	May ,, ...	3	80
	June ,, ...	10	46
	July ,, ...	7	35
	August ,, ...	7	89
	Sept. ,, ...	9	87
	Total...	40	57
Second half year...	October 1868 ...	18	38
	November ,, ...	2	80
	December ,, ...	......	10
	January 1869 ...	......	......
	February ,, ...	......	......
	March ,, ...	......	......
	Total...	21	28
Neddivuttum.	Total for year...	61	85
First half year ...	April 1868 ...	......	70
	May ,, ...	5	80
	June ,, ...	27	9
	July ,, ...	18	97
	August ,, ...	30	22
	Sept. ,, ...	9	17
	Total...	91	95
Second half year...	October 1868 ...	5	24
	November ,, ...	2	20
	December ,, ...	......	......
	January 1869 ...	......	......
	February ,, ...	......	4
	March ,, ...	......	57
	Total...	8	5
	Total for year...	100	......

Abstract of Mortuary Returns.

6. Abstract of Mortuary Returns in the Neilgherry District from July 1868 to June 1869.

Name of villages.	Population.	Total deaths.	Male.	Female.	From Diseases. Cholera.	From Diseases. Small-pox.	From Diseases. Fever.	From Diseases. Old age.	From Diseases. Other diseases.	From Violence. Accidents.	From Violence. Violence.	From Violence. Murder.	Ratio of deaths per 1,000 from all causes.	Ratio of deaths per 1,000 from cholera.
Neilgherries ...	38,142	809	489	320	...	98	425	48	227	9	1	1	21	......
Total...	38,142	809	489	320	...	98	425	48	227	9	1	1	21	......
Fusly 1277... ...	38,142	537	321	216	1	7	322	40	152	13	1	1	14	......
Decrease... ...	......	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	......	......
Increase... ...	......	272	168	104	...	91	103	8	75	...	...	...	......	......

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Hoolhadah.
Kaitay.
Kendoolah.
Wooboodulay.
Bickhutty.
Thogulhutty.
Orusolay.

7. There were altogether seven outbreaks of cattle disease in the district, in the villages mentioned in the margin. Prompt measures were taken under Dr. Thacker's superintendence or orders to prevent the spread of the disease, and in every case with success.

The total loss of cattle during the year is estimated as below. We have no means of testing the accuracy of the figures, and I question their correctness :—

Bullocks...	713
Cows	624
Buffaloes	775
Sheep	91
Total...	2,203

Increase in the Ryot's holding.

8. The increase in the Ryot's holdings is shown as follows :—

Items.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.
1. Lands taken as per Waste Land Rules	2,237	3,095
2. Do. purchased or obtained by transfer	185	60
Total...	2,422	3,155

Actual cultivation.

9. The extent of land taken up for Plantation and under actual Ryotwar cultivation, amounted to Acres 44,976, assessed at Rupees 24,304 or acres 2,544, assessed at Rupees 3,160 above that of the previous year, as shown below :—

Fuslies.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.
1277	42,432	21,144
1278	44,976	24,304
Increase...	2,544	3,160

The favourable character of the season induced the Badagas to extend their cultivation here and there, and some of the increase is owing to waste land purchases being brought on to the books for the first time.

Waste charged and remitted.

10. Waste charged and remitted.

Items.	Waste charged.		Wase remitted.	
	Number of Acres.	Assessment.	Number of Acres.	Assessment.
Dry	14,011	6,213	....	....
Wet...	....	....	....	....
Total...	14,011	6,213	....	....

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Particulars of remissions.

11. Particulars of remissions.

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Cowle remission	132	84	......	48
Teerwa cummee on Punchumhissa Grass land, &c. ...	743	797	54	......
Total...	875	881	6	......

Particulars of Land Revenue Miscellaneous.

12. Particulars of Land Revenue Miscellaneous.

No.	Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
2	Tax on trees, on unassessed lands	14	14	......	......
6	Land cultivated, but not included in the Jummahbundy	3,005	6,823	3,818	......
43	Revenue fines	14	3	......	11
44	Savings and Refunds	......	6	6	......
47	Quit-rent on Bungalows and Gardens	4,247	4,258	11	......
	Value of the land sold at public auction under the Waste Land Rules, and Accounts of which have been adjusted within the year	78	760	682	......
	Total...	7,358	11,864	4,517	11
	Net Increase...	......	......	4,506	......

The increase of Rupees 3,818 under item No. 6 is in consequence of the issue of Title-deeds for waste lands previously purchased, and the recovery of arrears due by the purchasers.

Extent of land cultivated with special produce.

13. Extent of land cultivated with special produce such as Coffee, Chinchona, and Tea.

Items.	Fusly 1278.	
	Acres and Decimals.	Assessment.
Coffee	6,386·12	7,487 0 10
Chinchona	1,481·92	2,316 7 9
Tea	953·50	1,350 14 4
Total...	8,821·54	11,154 6 11

These figures are necessarily only an approximation. They show the acreage (with the assessment thereon) taken up for plantation purposes, but how much of each plantation is actually under cultivation, I have no means of knowing; neither am I certain that some of the estates entered as Tea Plantations for example do not also contain Chinchona or Coffee and *vice versa*.

The "Totals" of course represent the exact amount of Plantation, Acreage, and Assessment on our books.

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Abstract Statement showing the general result of Land Revenue Settlement.

14. Abstract Statement showing the general result of Land Revenue Settlement in comparison with the preceding year under three heads of Ryotwar, Plantation, and Miscellaneous.

A comparative abstract of Cultivation and Settlement.

Items.	Last Fusly.		Present Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent	Assessment.	Extent	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry	57,279	27,624	58,947	30,427	1,668	2,803	......	......
Wet	159	360	40	90	......	......	119	270
Total...	57,438	27,984	58,987	30,517	1,549	2,533	......	......
Add— Road Cess	......	846	......	905	......	59	......	......
Total...	......	28,830	......	31,422	......	2,592	......	......
Deduct— Road Cess	......	846	......	905	......	59	......	......
Village Service Fund ...	......	......	......	62	......	62	......	......
Other remissions as particularised in Statement No. 4	......	875	......	881	......	6	......	......
Total...	......	1,721	......	1,848	......	127	......	......
Remaining Beriz ...	......	27,109	......	29,574	......	2,465	......	......
Add Miscellaneous items.	......	7,358	......	11,864	......	4,506	......	......
Total...	......	34,467	......	41,438	......	6,971	......	......
Deduct as per sanction of Government, dated 5th April 1869, No. 908, communicated in Board's Proceedings of the 2nd February 1869, No. 683... ...	......	......	......	13,015	......	13,015	......	......
Remaining Beriz... ...	......	34,467	......	28,423	......	......	......	6,044

Government, in their Order of 5th April 1869, No. 908, on the recommendation of the Board, directed that such of the quit-rent and plantation dues as were payable on the last day of the fusly should be written off the demand of that fusly and transferred to that of the following year. The Plantation rents, all as far as I can ascertain, fall due on the 30th of June : they are, therefore, written off in a lump sum of Rupees 13,015, whereby the Settlement for the year under the three heads of Ryotwar, Plantation, and Miscellaneous, shows a falling off when compared with the previous year to the extent of Rupees 6,044.

With the quit-rents it was found impossible to discover the exact day of the year when they were respectively payable by each Proprietor.

No one period seems to have been generally regarded in fixing for each property the date on which the quit-rent should be considered due, and the information can only now be obtained from the Title-deeds which are in the possession of owners here, there, and everywhere. I have accordingly collected the quit-rents within the fusly as usual.

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15. Including the Rupees 13,015 under the head of Plantation, the Land Revenue for the year compares with the ten previous years as follows :—

	Rupees.
Fusly 1268...	10,197
,, 1269..	10,795
,, 1270...	10,695
,, 1271...	13,399
,, 1272...	18,006
,, 1273...	19,898
,, 1274...	21,759
,, 1275...	23,730
,, 1276...	24,665
,, 1277...	27,109
	1,80,253
Average...	18,025
Fusly 1278...	29,574
Increase...	11,549

Statement showing the Ayacut and Cultivation.

16. A Statement showing the Ayacut and Cultivation, together with the Assessment and actual Revenue, is appended.

	Total Ayacut.		Deduct.						Remainder under cultivation.		
			Inam.		Government waste and Put-cut waste remitted.		Total.				
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Actual Revenue after deducting remission.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.
Jungle stream	292	806	......	......	252	716	252	716	40	90	90

In Fusly 1277, there were 159 acres under cultivation, assessed at Rupees 360. Of these, 119 acres near Seegoor were relinquished this year for want of water.

Sundry sources of Revenue.

17. The Revenue from Sundry sources amounts to Rupees 62,563 or Rupees 3,959, less than the previous year, as exhibited in the abstract below:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Abkarry...	46,537	40,000	....	6,537
Miscellaneous...	740	575	....	165
Total...	47,277	40,575	....	6,702
Stamps...	14,593	13,179	....	1,414
Miscellaneous...	57	....	....	57
Total...	14,650	13,179	....	1,471
Income-tax...	....	3,550	3,550	....
License-tax...	4,595	5,259	664	....
Grand Total...	66,522	62,563	....	3,959

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The decrease of Rupees 6,537 under the head of Abkarry was caused by the Abkarry Contract of the district of Coimbatore having been let to Vencatachelliah, who divided the contract among his Sub-renters, and fixed the revenue of the Neilgherry Talook at Rupees 40,000.

One or two exceptional suits involving large amounts were instituted in Fusly 1277; hence the difference under the head of "Stamps."

Abstract showing the revenue from both Land and Sundry sources of Revenue, in comparison with the preceding year.

18. The aggregate revenue of the district from both Land and Sundry sources, amounts to Rupees 90,986, less than the previous year by Rupees 10,003.

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Land Revenue...	34,467	28,423	....	6,044
Sundry Sources...	66,522	62,563	....	3,959
Total...	1,00,989	90,986	....	10,003

The decrease is explained in paragraphs 14 and 17 *ante*.

Interest Account.

19. The Interest Account stands as follows, and needs no remarks.

	RS.	A.	P.
On account of Land Revenue...	0	1	4
Do. of Abkarry Revenue...	8	1	10
Total...	8	3	2

Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of revenue.

20. Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of revenue.

Items.	Demand for Fusly 1278.	Collection within the fusly.	Balance on the 30th June 1869.	Subsequent collection up to 31st July 1869.	Balance still due.
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ryotwar...	16,558	16,478	80	43	37
Miscellaneous items.	11,865	11,511	354	293	61
Total...	28,423	27,989	434	336	98
Abkarry Revenue...	40,575	33,909	6,666	....	6,666
Stamp do.	13,179	13,179	....	....	....
Income-tax...	3,550	3,550	....	....	....
License-tax...	5,259	5,259	....	....	....
Grand Total...	90,986	83,886	7,100	336	6,764

Of the Miscellaneous items, Rupees 4,258-6-11 belong to quit-rent, of which all but Rupees 354 were collected in June, and Rupees 293 further in July.

The balance of Rupees 6,666 under Abkarry is caused by the Contractor having failed to redeem his securities in deposit. He wishes them to be sold in adjustment of his last two months kist. Government Promissory Notes of the 4 per cent. loan of the nominal value of Rupees 6,600, and 66 rupees in cash, form the securities.

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Demand, Collection, and Balance of arrears.

21. Demand, Collection, and Balance of arrears.

Items.	Arrears at the commencement of Fusly 1278.	Collections, etc., within the Fusly.			Balance on the 30th June 1869.	Subsequent collections.	Balance on the 31st July 1869.
		Collections.	Remissions.	Total.			
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ryotwar...	10,501	6,639	1,548	8,187	2,314	26	2,288
Miscellaneous items... ...	3,664	1,943	1,348	3,291	373	33	340
	14,165	8,582	2,896	11,478	2,687	59	2,628
Abkarry...	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Grand Total...	14,165	8,582	2,896	11,478	2,687	59	2,628

The balance of Rupees 2,628 still due under the head of Arrears, is mainly composed as follows :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Mr. Dawson...	1,650	6	0
,, Brown...	344	12	6
,, Rhode...	251	8	1
,, Shortt...	125	10	10
Captain Richardson...	91	8	9

Mr. Rhode is in England.

The sums severally due by the other gentlemen have formed the subject of correspondence with the Board, *Vide* my letters 16th June 1869, No. 82.

8th December 1868, No. 85.

9th August 1869, ,, 114.

Comparative abstract of Collections.

22. Comparative abstract of Collections.

Items.	Last Fusly.			Present Fusly.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ryotwar... ...	7,348	19,927	27,275	6,639	16,478	23,117	......	4.158
Miscellaneous ...	4,035	5,174	9,209	1,943	11,511	13,454	4,245	......
Total ...	11,383	25,101	36,484	8,582	27,989	36,571	87	......
Abkarry... ...	5,958	47,277	53,235	......	33,909	33,909	......	19,326
Stamps	......	14,649	14,649	......	13,179	13,179	......	1,470
Income-tax ...	......	......	......	......	3,550	3,550	3,550	......
License-tax ...	......	4,595	4,595	......	5,259	5,259	664	......
Grand Total...	17,341	91,622	1,08,963	8,582	83,886	92,468	......	16,495

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The decrease of Rupees 4,158 under the head of *Ryotwar*, is owing to there being less arrears to collect in the present than on the previous fusly, and to the plantation demand having been transferred to the following fusly.

The increase of Rupees 4,245 under *Miscellaneous*, is owing to the collection of arrears due on waste land purchases for which Title-deeds were granted within the year.

The Abkarry arrears of a former year amounting to Rupees 5,958 were collected in Fusly 1277. This, with the circumstances explained in paragraphs 17 and 20 *ante*, account for the decrease of Rupees 19,326 under the head of Abkarry.

Demand, Collection, and Balance of Land Revenue.

23. Demand, Collection, and Balance of Land Revenue.

Items.	Demand for Fusly 1278.	Collection within the fusly.	Balance.	Subsequent collection up to 31st July 1869.	Balance.
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Land held by Burghers and other Hill Tribes	16,458	16,378	80	43	37
Do. held by Europeans, East Indians, &c., for Coffee plantation, and other Agricultural purposes...	100	100	....	....	....
Total...	16,558	16,478	80	43	37
Miscellaneous.					
Quit-rent on house properties ...	4,258	3,904	354	293	61
Other items	7,607	7,607	....	....	....
Total...	11,865	11,511	354	293	61
Grand Total...	28,423	27,989	434	336	98

Although no demand under the head of Plantation for the present fusly was made (see paragraph 14 *ante*) Rupees 100 were tendered, which I thought it best to receive and carry to account.

Remissions recommended.

24. Remissions recommended.

	Recommended for remissions in the Settlement Report of Fusly 1277.	Now recommended for remission.	Total irrecoverable arrears to be written off in the accounts.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Due from deceased ryots	....	23	23
Do. from absconded do.	....	24	24
,, from pauper do.	....	....	....
Other causes	....	24	24
Total ...	....	71	71

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Statement of Items standing irrecoverable under the heads of Iyen, Plantation, and Quit-rent, during the Fuslies 1270, 1277 and 1278, in the Neilgherry District.

No.	Names of Defaulters.	Fusly 1270.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Total.	Road Cess.	Grand total.	
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
	Iyen.							
17	Buntton	... ...	4 9 2	... ...	4 9 2	0 2 4	4 11 6	Ryots dead; no other property from which to recover the arrears. Lands sold for arrears; and purchased on behalf of Government.
25	Hoochy	... ...	3 7 5	... ...	3 7 5	0 1 9	3 9 2	
33	Buntton	... ...	6 14 9	... ...	6 14 9	0 3 6	7 2 3	
71	Linghee	... ...	5 9 8	... ...	5 9 8	0 2 10	5 12 6	
74	Vazeer Mahomed	... ...	1 1 10	... ...	1 1 10	0 0 7	1 2 5	
13	Rootheriah	... ...	1 11 3	... ...	1 11 3	0 0 11	1 12 2	Ryots absconded; no other property from which to recover the arrears. Lands sold for arrears, and purchased on behalf of Government.
22	Lutchamay Govedon. ...	... ...	6 10 1	... ...	6 10 1	0 3 5	6 13 6	
27	Yeray Govedon	... ...	2 4 7	... ...	2 4 7	0 1 2	2 5 9	
34	Ramen	... ...	8 11 0	... ...	8 11 0	0 4 5	8 15 5	
51	Vencataramiah	... ...	2 4 7	... ...	2 4 7	0 1 2	2 5 9	
76	Seetooram	... ...	3 6 5	... ...	3 6 5	0 1 9	3 8 2	
	Total	... ...	46 10 9	... ...	46 10 9	1 7 10	48 2 7	
	Plantation.							
	Mr. Stanes	... ...	4 0 0	... ...	4 0 0	... ...	4 0 0	Remission consequent upon issue of revised Title-deeds. *Vide* Government Proceedings, No. 45, of 2nd July 1868.
	QUIT-RENT.							
	Ootacamund.							
218	Mr. Bennett..	1 10 9	... ...	... ...	1 10 9	... ...	1 10 9	Proprietor disputes this arrear for Fusly 1278 on the ground that when he redeemed the assessment in Fusly 1270, all previous ones should have been recovered.
72	Captain Nicholas	... ...	... ...	9 12 3	9 12 3	... ...	9 12 3	Land taken for new Church, Ootacamund; erroneously included in demand of 1278, as the order for remission was received in April 1869.
246	Mr. Ellier	... ...	... ...	0 1 10	0 1 10	... ...	0 1 10	Land taken by Government for the Swamp Reclamation scheme.
253	Sumpunjee Iyloo	... ...	... ...	0 11 0	0 11 0	... ...	0 11 0	

Statement of Items standing Irrecoverable under the heads of Iyen, &c.—(*Continued.*)

No.	Names of Defaulters.	Fusly 1270.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Total.	Road Cess.	Grand total.	
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
156	Sidden Esq.	... ...	... ...	1 14 11	1 14 11	... ...	1 14 11	Remission due for land taken for the construction of the new Pykara Roads.
	Coonoor.							
36	Mr. Stevens for 3 Fuslies 1274, 1275, and 1276.	... ...	... ...	... ...	0 12 0	... ...	0 12 0	Remission of quit-rent for land taken for new road from Coonoor or Wellington.
	Wellington	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	Erroneously included in the demand of Fusly 1278.
14	T. R. Vencatachellum Pillay.	... ...	... ...	5 4 0	5 4 0	... ...	5 4 0	*Vide* remark in No. 14 of Statement which accompanied Commissioner's letter No. 7 of 21st January 1869.
	Total...	1 10 9	... ...	17 12 0	20 2 9	... ...	20 2 9	
	Grand total...	1 10 9	50 10 9	17 12 0	70 13 6	1 7 10	72 5 4	

OOTACAMUND,
26th August 1869.

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
Commissioner.

A detailed List with reasons for the remissions recommended is submitted herewith.

Irrecoverable arrears struck off the Accounts.

25. Irrecoverable arrears struck off the Accounts.

The irrecoverable arrears struck off the accounts during the year under review amount to Rupees 2,896, as particularised below.

	RS.	A.	P.
As per sanction of Government, dated 13th April 1869, No. 1,004, communicated in the Board's Proceedings of the 12th March 1869, No. 1,683, Land Revenue Ryotwar...	1,548	3	2
Do. do. Land Revenue Miscellaneous	1,322	0	3
Total...	2,870	3	5
As per sanction of Government, dated 14th June 1869, No. 1,693, communicated in the Board's Proceedings of the 28th May 1869, No. 3,803, Land Revenue Miscellaneous...	26	4	0
Total...	2,896	7	5

Extent to which Coercive Process was employed.

26. Extent to which Coercive Process was employed.

The number of cases in which process was issued for the recovery of arrears was 26, and the amount of revenue affected was Rupees 1,237. The estimated value of land and personal property attached was Rupees 532, and the amount actually realized by their sale was Rupees 434. The particulars are given in Enclosure A. in Statement No. 8. No fees were charged for sewing processes such having been sewed by peons of my establishment.

Charges.

27. The subjoined Table shows in detail the charges of the Revenue Department, Survey, and Settlement Department excepted.

Items.	Last Fusly.	Present Fusly.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Refunds of Revenue ...	100	34	....	66	
Salaries and Expenses.					
Collectors' salaries... ...	6,785	1,567	....	5,218	
Commissioners' salaries.	....	20,584*	20,584	....	* The full salary of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner up to end of March 1869, is included in this amount. From the 1st April 1869 half of the salary of the Commissioner is debited to Law and Justice, and half to Revenue.

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Items.	Last Fusly.	Present Fusly.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
Salaries and Expenses.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Tent and House-rent allowances	979	1,649	670	....	
Huzoor and Talook Establishment... ...	8,757	11,615	2,858†	....	† The Coonoor Sub-Magistrate's pay was formerly carried to the head of Law and Justice, at any rate it is not included in the 8,757 rupees for the previous Fusly, according to the Return furnished by the Collector of Coimbatore.
Sawderward	216	256	40	....	
Medical charges ...	1,948	2,361	413	....	
Contingencies... ...	123	615	492	....	
Miscellaneous... ...	2,073	925	....	1,148	
	20,881	39,572	18,691	....	
Abkarry charges ...	25	....	....	25	
Stamp do. ...	1,046	517	....	529	
License-tax do. ...	216	9	....	207	
Income-tax do. ...	....	....	....	....	
Total ...	22,268	40,132	17,864	....	

The total charge is Rupees 43 per cent. of the gross revenue.

Examination of Village Accounts.

28. Examination of Village Accounts.

Only one Monigar can read and write.

The Village Accounts are kept by four Kanakans (or Village Accountants) for the four Divisions of Parangunaud, Maiknaud, Todanaud, and Koondahs.

The Head Clerk in my presence examined the Village Accounts, and reports them to be in accordance with the forms given in the manual.

Register of Land acquired by Public Servants.

29. The following abstract shows the extent of land held by Public Servants in the district.

	In this district.		In other districts.		Total.	
	Extent.	Assessment	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
Huzoor Servants.	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.
C. Rungapah Naidoo, Head Accountant...	23·67	23 10 7	....	....	23·67	23 10 7
V. Vencataramanien, Clerk ...	....	....	10·51	11 6 11	10·51	11 6 11
Chokapillay, do. ...	....	....	26· 6	20 13 8	26· 6	20 13 8
Beemah Row, do. ...	....	....	0·10	1 2 2	0·10	1 2 2
N. Namaseevoya Moodellyar, 1st Class Revenue Inspector.	98·20	40 7 1	45·69	112 5 8	143·89	152 12 9
Yencatagherry Iyen, 2nd do.	....	....	2·65	11 7 0	2·65	11 7 0
Total...	121·87	64 1 8	85· 1	157 3 5	206·88	221 5 1

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Register of land held by Mr. W. G. McIvor, Superintendent of Government Gardens, &c.

Zillah and district in which land is situated.	Land acquired. Extent.	Land acquired. Assessment.	When acquired, and whether prior or subsequent to the employment in the Public Service.	By what means acquired.	Nature of the interest possessed by such servants in such landed property.
Neilgherries.	ACS.	RS.			
Neddivuttum ...	......	870 2 7	February 1866, subsequent.	Purchase.	10/33 Share.
Maiknaud...	662	1,167 0 0	January 1865, do.	Do. ...	¼ Do.
	76 2 7 236½	14 13 9	Do. do.		
Do. ...	45	90 7 0	March 1867, do.	Do. ...	¼ Do.
	63 23 1860	73 7 4			
Do.	94	115 1 0	June 1865, do.	Do.	½ Do.
Seegoor	......	....	March 1859, do.	Do.	Do.
Todanaud... ...	26 13 197	38 10 0	December 1868, do.	Do.	Proprietor.
Do.	2 13 1360	7 5 3	March 1856, do.	Do.	Do.
Do.	6 18 1200	11 13 10	May 1866, do.	Do.	Do.
Do.	2 3 2012	6 9 3	May 1856, do.	Do.	Do.
Do.	3 1 1163	7 9 10	February 1850, do.	Do.	Do.
Coonoor	5 21 170	6 11 11	July 1856, do.	Do.	Do.

Mr. McIvor, by Government Order, 6th April 1869, No. 913, was directed to send in a detailed Statement of any landed property he may possess, or have an interest in, on the Hills. He forwarded a Statement, from which the above is an abstract. I feel it my duty, however, to add, that in the Income-tax Returns, he is assessed as receiving 250 rupees a month as Director General of the Deva Sholah Plantation, which seems to be an interest in landed property of a kind contemplated by the Government Order above-mentioned.

Remarks on the conduct of Subordinate Officers.

30. With the exception of Vencata Ramiah, late Revenue Inspector, I am well satisfied with all the establishment.

Working of the Rules for the Sale of Government Lands on this Hill.

31. As the Board in their Proceedings of 19th July 1869, No. 5,130, have recommended that in communication with Planters, I should submit a special and full report upon the operation of the Waste Land Rules in this district, it seems to me undesirable to say anything on the subject here.

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Road Cess.

32. Road Cess under Act No. III. of 1866.

Items.	Arrears of the old cess.	Current new cess.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Demand...	251	523	774
Collection within the fusly	202	522	724
Balance on the 30th June 1869	49	1	50
Subsequent collection up to 31st July 1869	1	....	1
Balance ...	48	1	49

OOTACAMUND,
26th August 1869.

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
Commissioner.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

SALEM.

I HAVE the honor to report on the Revenue Settlement of my District for Fusly 1278, (1868-69,) and to submit the usual Statements.

2. The Jummahbundy, which began on the 9th of January and ended on the 23rd of June, was conducted by the officers and at the places shown in Statement No. 1.

3. The Sub-Collector settled, in addition to his own division, a part of the Salem Talook, the rest of the talook having been settled partly by my Assistant, Mr. Overbury, and partly by myself.

4. The talooks of Ahtur, Trichengode, and Uttengherry were settled by myself. The Acting Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Irvine, settled the Tripattur Talook, and the Deputy Collector, Mr. Leggatt, the Namkul Talook.

Number and tenure of Villages.

5. The number of villages continued to be the same as last year, namely 2,785, and no change has been made in their tenure.

Puttahs.

6. The aggregate number of puttahs for the year was 2,12,675. Of these 1,83,505 remained altogether unaltered, and alterations in the old puttahs were made in 13,711 cases. The remaining 15,459 were fresh puttahs.

7. The Kutchayat, or receipt books in the new form, were introduced during the Fusly, and the advantages derivable therefrom by the ryots cannot be over-rated. The new form of puttah will not come into force till the revised assessment is carried out.

Season.

8. The season during the year has on the whole been good, though it varied so that some talooks have been more fortunate than others.

9. The season for punjah cultivation is generally March and April, but this year it was later and did not begin till about May, as but little rain fell up to that time. It was afterwards

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carried on vigorously and a fair average out-turn, especially in the Sub-Collector's division, has been the result.

10. The rains in July and August having filled almost every tank the nunjah cultivation was begun in earnest, but the subsequent failure from December affected the crops. The remissions for shavy have not, however, been considerable.

11. The annexed table shows the fall of rain between April 1868 and March 1869:—

Months.	Inches.	Tenths.
April 1868 ...	0	6
May ,, ...	2	5
June ,, ...	2	9
July ,, ...	6	7
August ,, ...	1	2
September ,, ...	5	7
Total...	19	6
October 1868...	5	2
November ,, ...	1	1
December ,, ...	...	...
January 1869...	...	...
February ,, ...	...	...
March ,, ...	0	7
Total...	7	0
Grand Total...	26	6

Sanitary condition.

12. The public health has been remarkably good compared with past years. There was not a single case of cholera, and the prevalence of fever and small-pox was much less than usual.

13. There was some disease among cattle, but the mortality was nothing to speak of. Wherever disease broke out immediate remedies were prescribed, chiefly those proposed by the Veterinary Surgeon Mr. Thacker.

14. The subjoined statement shows the number of deaths from various causes, and the number of births. As I said in my last report I do not place much reliance on the returns from which this statement is compiled. The Moottahdars seldom send their returns either regularly or correctly, and there are no means of enforcing their attention to orders. This is the result of there being no law requiring either Mootahdars or their Curnums to keep or render any such returns; until this defect is remedied by Legislature I consider the returns almost worthless.

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No.	Names of Talooks.	Population. Adults. Men.	Population. Adults. Women.	Population. Children. Males.	Population. Children. Females.	Total.	Mortality. Adults. Men.	Mortality. Adults. Women.	Mortality. Children. Males.	Mortality. Children. Females.	Total.	Natural Causes. Cholera.	Natural Causes. Small-pox.	Natural Causes. Fever.	Natural Causes. Ague.	Natural Causes. Other diseases.	From Violence. Accident. Drowning.	From Violence. Accident. Snake bite.	From Violence. Accident. Wild beasts.	From Violence. Accident. Other accidents.	From Violence. Suicide. Hanging.	From Violence. Suicide. Drowning.	From Violence. Suicide. Poison.	From Violence. Suicide. Other suicides.	Murder.	Ratio of deaths per 1,000 from all causes.	Ratio of deaths per 1,000 from cholera.	Births. Males.	Births. Females.	Births. Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	Salem	97,784	1,00,940	63,694	55,866	3,17,784	1,453	1,185	802	743	4,183	9	161	1,418	213	2,281	38	24	4	30	8	1	...	...	1	13·16	...	2,771	2,541	5,312
2	Ahtur	41,384	43,088	22,407	19,935	1,26,814	565	485	446	387	1,883	1	97	445	167	1,137	18	7	1	9	1	...	...	...	...	14 80	...	1,822	1,227	2,549
3	Namkul	67,297	72,208	44,602	38,682	2,22,784	726	718	385	297	2,126	4	80	436	163	1,429	30	28	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	9·50	...	1,605	1,511	3,116
4	Trichengode ...	66,808	65,952	40,263	36,790	2,09,808	628	515	325	347	1,815	1	49	513	129	1,058	34	19	...	6	5	..	...	...	1	8·57	...	1,846	1,197	2,543
5	Tripattur	48,611	49,956	27,879	25,399	1,51,845	712	721	687	640	2,760	8	180	957	141	1,416	30	8	7	10	1	1	..	...	1	18·17	...	1,740	1,666	3,406
6	Uttengherry ...	39,661	40,570	23,752	23,101	1,27,084	549	470	389	353	1,761	7	57	461	62	1,128	19	15	...	10	...	...	...	...	2	18·85	...	1,358	1,305	2,663
7	Dharampoory ...	52,552	51,306	29,307	27,902	1,61,067	617	504	349	284	1,754	...	135	736	110	725	84	8	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	10·89	...	1,162	1,131	2,293
8	Kistnagherry ...	43,328	42,742	23,866	22,579	1,32,515	580	523	345	346	1,794	10	95	799	101	746	21	13	...	7	...	1	...	...	1	18·54	...	1,270	1,302	2,572
9	Oossoor	58,865	57,996	27,168	25,508	1,69,537	861	750	235	213	2,089	20	48	1,820	48	612	24	10	...	8	...	...	...	1	3	12·82	...	723	671	1,394
	Total...	5,16,290	5,24,753	3,02,928	2,75,262	16,19,233	6,691	5,901	3,963	3,610	20,165	60	852	7,085	1,184	10,532	248	127	14	90	10	3	...	1	9	12·43	...	13,297	12,551	25,848

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Prices of Grain.

15. The following table shows the ruling prices of grain during the year. Better season and a fair average out-turn account for the fall in the prices of all descriptions of grain:—

Grain.	Fusly 1276.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
Paddy, 1st sort	279	207	195
Do. 2nd do.	253	189	178
Cholum	355	252	220
Cumboo	300	216	185
Horse-gram	386	240	228
Raggy	333	244	201
Varagu	194	142	125

16. There were no fluctuations in the wages of labor. The Local and Imperial Public Works, and a few relief works which were in progress during the year, gave, together with agricultural labor, sufficient employment to all able-bodied men and women.

Ryots' Holdings.

17. Ryots' holdings at the commencement of the Fusly amounted to Acres 11,30,933, assessed at Rupees 18,17,285. Of this extent Acres 45,223, assessed at Rupees 66,561, appear under the head "Lands given up;" but this is merely nominal, for only Acres 28,172, assessed at Rupees 36,774, were actually relinquished, the remaining having only changed hands. Acres 39,669, assessed at Rupees 47,184, were taken up afresh. This makes the extent actually in the occupation of the ryots during the year at Acres 11,41,879, assessed at Rupees 18,26,597.

Actual cultivation.

18. The actual cultivation shows an increase of Acres 12,606, assessed at Rs. 16,534, over the past year. This is exclusive of "Waste charged."

Waste remitted.

19. Acres 1,975, assessed at Rupees 10,220, were remitted. The whole of the remission was on nunjah, and shows a decrease compared with the past year of Acres 1,876, assessed at Rupees 8,810. Careful inquiries were, as usual, made before this waste was remitted. There was no occasion to remit any punjah waste.

Waste charged.

20. Under this head there were Acres 20,870, assessed at Rupees 31,146. Most of this was punjah.

Final Settlement.

21. The subjoined statement shows in a comparative form the particulars of the settlement made.

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Items.	Last Fusly.		Present Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS.		RS.
Dry	10,61,187	13,72,986 0 1	10,74,593	13,84,307 7 3	13,406	11,321	....	....
Wet	63,428	4,23,357 2 0	65,311	4,32,068 15 7	1,883	8,712	....	....
Total...	11,24,615	17,96,343 2 1	11,39,904	18,16,376 6 10	15,289	20,033	....	....
Add								
Second crop assessment ...	....	529 2 6	....	535 0 2	....	6	....	....
Additional assessment ...	....	34,051 2 4	....	36,492 10 4	....	2,441	....	....
Water Tax...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Road Fund	....	68,382 14 8	....	79,088 13 6	....	10,706	....	....
Village Service Fund... ...	....	1,08,755 6 9	....	1,10,958 0 8	....	2,203	....	....
Total...	....	2,00,861 12 4	....	20,43,450 15 6	....	35,389	....	....
Deduct Remissions.								
Road Fund	....	68,382 14 6	....	79,088 13 6	....	10,706	....	....
Village Service Fund... ...	....	1,08,755 6 9	....	1,10,958 0 8	....	2,203	....	....
Other remissions particularized in Statement No. 4.	....	1,77,245 1 1	....	1,49,495 6 2	....	....	....	27,750
Total...	....	3,54,383 6 6	....	3,39,542 4 4	....	....	....	14,841
Remaining beriz	....	16,53,678 5 10	....	17,03,908 11 2	....	50,230	....	....
Add Miscellaneous items ...	....	85,967 11 5	....	83,514 10 6	....	....	....	2,453
Total...	....	17,39,646 1 3	....	17,87,423 5 8	....	47,7 7	....	....

22. I have already noticed the fluctuation in the first two items.

23. The system of second crop assessment prevails in only six villages, one of which (Oravandoor) belonged formerly to the Trichinopoly District, and the remaining, Thoragary and others, from North Arcot. The assessment in the rest of the district is consolidated.

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24. No water-rate is levied in this district.

25. The increase in the Road Fund is owing to the Mootahdars having for the first time been assessed. The Act having allowed six months' time to make their returns, the whole assessment was not completed during the preceding year.

26. The Village Service Fund represents the deduction made in the gross beriz on account of the pay of village servants. The increased cultivation is the cause of the small increase under this head.

27. The remaining two items, namely, "Other remissions" and "Miscellaneous items," will be treated in their respective places.

Special Products.

28. The cultivation of sugar-cane, cotton, and indigo has been somewhat less than the preceding year, as will be seen from the annexed table. Cotton is produced in the district for local consumption only, and the demand for indigo has diminished since the death of the senior partner of Messrs. Fischer and Co.—

Items.	Fusly 1277.		Fusly 1278.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
		RS.		RS.
Sugar-cane	1,543	9,814	1,308	8,985
Cotton	15,830	22,761	12,089	16,995
Indigo	1,077	2,871	932	3,653

Principal sources of Irrigation.

29. The most important under this head are the three Cauvery channels, which yield to the State a revenue of a little more than half a lac of Rupees. Anicuts of a minor nature, and tanks, particularized in the quinquennial statements, form the other sources.

Remissions.

30. The remissions for the year amount to Rupees 1,49,494, or Rupees 27,751 below the amount remitted during the past year. The decrease is almost all under the head of Shavy, as will be seen from the following statement:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Occasional Remissions.				
Shavy	33,753	3,973	....	29,780
Palanastam	270	423	153	....
Progressive Cowle Remissions	100	53	....	47
For Teaygary Remissions	850	833	....	17
Fassul Cummy	462	528	66	....
Payamaly	44	213	169	....
Neerkuly	25	25	....	....
Total...	35,504	6,048	....	29,456
Fixed Remissions.				
Fixed Cowle Remissions	994	994	....	....
Remissions on pasture lands	16,028	15,783	....	245
Total...	17,022	16,777	....	245
Items allowed on the collection or from the entire beriz of villages.				
Share of Shrotriem proceeds	15,748	15,479	....	269
Allowance for heads of villages and Curnums, etc.	1,08,755	1,10,958	2,203	....
Dasavandum shares	216	232	16	....
Total...	1,24,719	1,26,669	1,950	....
Grand Total...	1,77,245	1,49,494	....	27,751

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31. The more favorable character of the season called for little or no relief during the year under report.

32. The decrease in "Progressive cowle" is owing to the abandonment of the system. The abuse of the practice necessitated the change. The fixed or Cockburn cowle might be done away with by the entry in the accounts of the net assessment only. This might, however, be deferred till the new settlement comes into operation.

33. Pasture remissions vary in the district. They are one-fourth in the Talaghat and one-third in the Baramahal, and in no case is more than one-fourth of the whole holding granted for pasture.

34. The remissions under the head of Teaygary (Rupees 833) are allowed in accordance with the orders of the Board, dated the 25th October 1866, No. 7,715, to Brahmins holding lands under the Cauvery channels.

35. The Trishwakum villages not having been finally settled by the Inam Commissioner the payment in ready money of the shrotriem shares continues.

Miscellaneous Revenue.—Statement No. 5.

36. The Miscellaneous revenue for the year shows a decrease of Rupees 5,142 as follows:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Land Revenue, Miscellaneous	85,968	83,515	....	2,453
Abkarry	606	308	....	298
Stamps	2,511	120	....	2,391
Total...	89,085	83,943	....	5,142

37. The decrease is chiefly in the Stamp Revenue and Sevoy Jama. There was not much cultivation subsequent to the Jummahbundy. The Teerwah Jasti on Inam Punjah amounts to Rupees 513-4-9, and this is included in Item No. 46 of Statement No. 5. The wet assessment in this district is not on the crop, but consolidated.

General result of Land Revenue.

38. The following statement gives the particulars under this head:—

Items.	Total demand.	Balance at the end of the Fusly.	Balance at the end of July 1869.	Percentage between columns 2 and 3.	Percentage between columns 2 and 4.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Land Revenue.					
Permanently settled	4,44,951	1,10,649	80,242	25	18
Shrotriem Jody	36,399	17,125	12,687	47	35
Ryotwar...	17,03,909	1,72,244	1,08,389	10	16
Miscellaneous	83,515	23,219	19,442	28	23
Total...	22,68,774	3,23,237	2,20,760	14	10
Abkarry rent...	2,91,100	74,649	39,063	25	13
Do. Miscellaneous...	308	....	....	....	....
Total...	2,91,408	74,649	39,063	25	13
License Tax under Act XXI. of 1867	17,122	....	....	....	....
Stamps	1,54,014	....	....	....	....
Do. Miscellaneous	120	....	....	....	....
Total...	1,54,134	....	....	....	....
Income Tax	735	....	....	....	....
Grand Total...	27,32,173	3,97,886	2,59,823	....	....

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Peishcush.

39. The decrease of Rupees 35-4-0 under this head is the reduction in the peishcush of certain Mootahs under the orders of Board and Government as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
In the Alagapuram Mootah on account of lands taken up for the Jail Superintendent's house at Salem, as per orders of Government, dated 29th September 1868, No. 2,506	7	14	5
In the Yellagherry Mootah on account of lands taken up for the Railway feeder from Trunk Road No. 1 to Jollarpet, as per sanction of Government, dated 1st June 1869, No. 1,538, (Board's Order, 5th June 1869, No. 4,037)	24	14	7
In the Thathoovally Mootah on account of a resumed Inam, as per sanction of Government, dated 4th March 1869, No. 562, (Board's Proceedings, dated 10th March 1869, No. 1,639)...	2	7	0
Total...	35	4	0

Shrotriem Jody.

40. The decrease (Rupees 692-15-8) is owing to the inclusion in the last year's demand of the arrears of quit-rent of former Fuslies, which remained uncollected pending the settlement of the Inam Commissioner.

Ryotwary and Miscellaneous Revenue.

41. The fluctuations under this head have already been explained in paragraphs 17 to 20 and 37 of this report.

Abkarry.

42. The Abkarry farm for Fusly 1278 brought at the sale 50 Rupees below the revenue of the past year; the decrease of that amount appears under this head.

License Tax.

43. The Act under which this tax was collected ceased to exist towards the close of the Fusly when the new Act came into force. The amount (Rupees 735) which appears under the latter head (Income Tax) is chiefly stoppages from public servants' salaries.

Stamps.

44. The revenue under this head has risen during the year by Rupees 10,259. The constant renewal of the Abkarry muchilkas accounts in a great measure for this increase.

Revision of Assessment.

45. The annexed statement shows, as usual, the annual land revenue of several years, commencing with Fusly 1264, or the year preceding the one in which the assessment of the district was revised:—

Fuslies.	Dry.	Wet.	Garden.	Total.
1264	8,94,162	3,65,618	64,202	13,23,982
1265	9,39,787	3,91,367	40,131	13,71,285
1266	10,70,810	4,06,400	42,489	15,19,699
1267	10,81,328	4,08,078	63,585	15,52,991
1268	11,34,964	4,42,001	65,732	16,42,697
1269	11,45,308	4,04,032	58,818	16,08,158
1270	11,67,366	4,17,337	59,687	16,44,319
1271	11,76,746	4,07,391	60,010	16,44,147
1272	12,13,915	4,32,439	60,194	17,06,548
1273	12,77,925	4,16,763	60,427	17,55,115
1274	12,81,886	4,09,104	56,995	17,47,985
1275	13,77,083	4,78,838	......	17,55,921
1276	12,71,852	4,89,651	......	17,61,503
1277	13,72,986	4,23,357	......	17,96,343
1278	13,84,307	4,32,069	......	18,16,376

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46. It will be seen from the foregoing that there has been a steady improvement in the revenue year by year, notwithstanding the adverse nature of the seasons.

Demand, Collection, and Balance, Current.

47. Statement No. 7 shows the particulars under this head.

48. There was a balance of Rupees 80,242 at the end of July against Mootahs. Nearly one-half of this amount is in the Namkul Talook, and about Rupees 30,000 is due from Mootahs belonging to minor proprietors. These Mootahs have been placed under management of an establishment. In regard to the other Mootahs in arrears, accounts for the division and sale of portions of the estates are under preparation, and will be submitted to the Board in due course.

49. Such of the Inam villages as have been enfranchised by the Inam Commissioner have been advertised for sale on account of arrears due against them; others have been placed under management, in pursuance of the Hookumnamah rule.

50. For the recovery of the Ryotwary arrears, namely, Rupees 1,08,388, and the Miscellaneous items, amounting to Rupees 19,442, coercive measures have been adopted. The lands will shortly be brought to sale, unless the arrears are paid up before the day fixed.

51. The balance under the head Abkarry is merely nominal. Against the balance there are the Calicut Bank shares of the contractors in deposit, and the amount will be realised in a few days.

Collections of Revenue.

52. The annexed statement shows the revenue collections for the Fusly compared with the past one:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase	Decrease
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
Land Revenue.								
Permanently settled	44,803	3,70,933	4,15,736	69,427	3,34,302	4,03,729	......	12,007
Jody on Shrotriem, etc., Villages	11,760	23,557	35,317	13,348	19,274	32,622	......	2,695
Ryotwar	49,490	13,85,605	14,35,095	2,32,653	15,31,666	17,64,319	3,29,224	.....
Miscellaneous	16,857	51,931	68,788	31,845	60,295	92,140	23,352	.....
Total	1,32,910	18,32,026	19,54,936	3,47,273	19,45,537	22,92,810	3,37,874	.....
Abkarry	48,508	1,81,745	2,30,253	63,431	2,16 759	2,80,190	49,937	.....
License Tax	.....	20,001	20,001	......	17,123	17,123	......	2,878
Stamps	......	1,46,266	1,46,266	......	1,54,133	1,54,133	7,867	......
Income Tax	......	......	......	......	735	735	735	......
Total	1,71,418	21,80,038	23,51,456	4,10,704	23,34,286	27,44,990	3,93,534	......

53. The cause of the arrears against "Permanently settled" has already been explained.

54. The increase under the heads of Ryotwar, Miscellaneous, and Abkarry, is owing to the larger amount of arrears outstanding at the beginning of the Fusly under report compared with the past one.

Arrears of Revenue of former Fuslies.

55. The particulars under this head are exhibited in Statement No. 8.

56. The arrears at the end of the Fusly amounted to Rupees 79,563. The subsequent collections up to the end of July reduced the balance to Rupees 76,288. Of this Rupees 36,088 are irrecoverable, and I beg that sanction may be given for writing them off the accounts. The amount (Rupees 36,088) recommended for remission includes Rupees 29,188, which was remitted during Fusly 1277 on account of Punjah Shavy. The sum was entered at the foot of column 11 of Statement 8 for the last year, and the explanation was given in paragraph 52 of my Jummahbundy Report for that year, but somehow or other the Board seem to have lost sight of it, for it was not included in the amount for which sanction has been received. The amount, therefore, that has now been recommended anew for remission is only Rupees 6,900, and this has been set down as irrecoverable after careful inquiries made at the settlement.

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57. The amount recommended for remission extends over seven Fuslies, and every possible measure has been adopted for its recovery but in vain. Property, both real and personal, has been sold, and it is only where the full amount of arrears have not by these means been realised that the difference has been entered under the "Irrecoverable" head.

58. The irrecoverable balance sanctioned to be written off in the Government Order of the 11th May 1869, No. 2,060, (Board's Proceedings, 17th June 1869, No. 435,) namely, Rupees 6,979-10-4, has been removed from the accounts of June. Rupees 29,188 referred to above remain unadjusted, as no sanction has been received, and the whole of this amount appertains to Fusly 1277.

Coercive Process.

59. Coercive measures were adopted against 2,425 ryots for recovering Rs. 27,093, but the property sold only fetched Rupees 3,071.

Charges.

60. The particulars of gross collections and charges under different heads of Revenue are exhibited in Statement No. 9. Having already noticed the fluctuations in the collections I shall now confine myself to "Charges" only.

61. The increased number of Assistants serving in the district during the year, and the grant of deputation allowance to officers who performed the duties of the Collector, Sub-Collector, and Head Assistant Collector during my absence of five weeks' leave, explains the increase in the salary of Collectors, etc.

62. As usual the accounts in every talook were examined during the settlement and at other times, and I am glad to be able to state that on the whole they were satisfactory. I had, however, occasion to find some irregularity in the returning of irsalnamahs in the Salem Talook, and to notice severely the conduct of those concerned. Failure to return the village irsalnamahs punctually opens a wide door for fraud, and such has been the case in the Salem Talook. This matter has already been brought to the notice of the Board—*Vide* letter, dated 3rd August 1869, No. 169.

General Account and Treasury Department.

63. The accounts in these departments underwent the other day a thorough personal examination by the Accountant General, who expressed himself pleased with the manner in which they were kept. Every endeavour is made in this department to submit the periodical accounts with despatch.

Lands of public Servants.

64. Lands acquired by public servants during the year were as follow:—

	Extent.	Assessment.
By Huzoor servants	137	356
By Talook servants	113	284

Report of the Sub-Collector.

65. The report of the Sub-Collector on the settlement of the Talooks forming his division will be submitted as soon as it is received.

Remarks on the conduct of Subordinates.

66. No particular remarks seem called for in regard to my subordinates. My Acting Sub-Collector, Mr. Price, continues to take the same pains with his work that he has hitherto evinced.

Mr. Sharp, the Head Assistant, has only within the last few weeks joined the district.

Messrs. Overbury and Kough are both very promising officers, and their work shows judgment and industry.

My Head Sheristadar has rendered me, as usual, his valuable assistance, and I am glad to be able to repeat my approval and satisfaction regarding him.

My office establishment, with one exception, have given me satisfaction. The Head Writer (now absent) I shall not be able to allow to return to his post. He is, I believe, seeking to obtain employment elsewhere.

SALEM,
25th August 1869.

(Signed) C. N. POCHIN,
Collector.

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to submit my Report on the Annual Settlement of the Talooks of this Division for Fusly 1278.

Stations at which the Settlement was made.

2. The stations at which the settlement was made are shown in the appended statement. They are all within the Sub-division:—

Name of the Officer who conducted the Jummahbundy.	Talooks.	Places where Jummahbundy was conducted.	Number of days occupied.
J. F. Price, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector.	Oossoor	Oodenhalli, Kelamangalam, Denkencottah, Thalli, Oossoor	15
	Kistnagherry	Royacottah, Kistnagherry, Mallapadi, Mathoor, Velambatti, Kaveripatnam	37
	Dharampoory	Palcode, Dharampoory, Adamancottah, Domaragampatti, Pennagaram	20
		Total...	72

Variation in the number and tenure of Villages.

3. The number of Shrotriem villages is increased by one, owing to the enfranchisement of the Inam village of Singasadampally in the Bhagaloor Poliput.

Remarks on Puttahs.

4. The number of puttahs was 67,112, which exceeded that of last year by only 200. This is too small an increase to require notice.

Season.

5. The season throughout the division was remarkably good. In Kistnagherry Talook, which suffered during the year 1868, the dry crops were heavier than had been seen for the last twenty years. In Oossoor the harvest of all kinds was excellent, and in Dharampoory good. The out-turn both of wet and dry crops has been everywhere far above the average of past years; and this, coupled with a most satisfactory state of public health, and the absence of cattle disease, has rendered the season under report in every way note-worthy as a good one.

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6. The sanitary condition of the division was extremely good. There was not a single case of cholera reported, and small-pox did not commit such ravages as in former years. Fever, but of a mild type, prevailed after the rains in the parts of the Kistnagherry Talook bordering on the ghauts, and also in the Oossoor and Denkencottah divisions. It was not nearly so fatal or virulent as that which occurred here and at Denkencottah in 1867 and 1868. By making its appearance just at the time of harvesting of dry grains it caused the ryots some inconvenience and hindrance in their work, but it soon passed away. The natives attributed it, and I think with reason, to the sudden and very luxuriant growth of vegetation, consequent on the heavy rains at the beginning of the year. The Dharampoory and Pennagaram divisions suffered but little from the disease.

7. There was hardly any cattle disease, and the deaths from this cause amongst stock were incomparably smaller than those which occurred in the two years preceding that under report.

Prices.

8. The prices of all kinds of grain were, during the past year, much lower than during the previous season. The fact that they were is obviously attributable to the excellent harvest, the effect of which on the market is still being felt. Exportations continued to be much the same as in 1868, but the supply of grain being great prices were not in an appreciable degree affected thereby.

Ryots' Holdings.

9. The annexed abstract shows the particulars of the holdings of ryots during the year under report:—

Description.	Extent.	Assessment.
		RS.
Ryots' Holdings for Fusly 1277	3,88,340	4,88,367
Deduct lands given up in Fusly 1278	14,309	14,485
Remainder........	3,77,031	4,73,882
Add lands taken up in Fusly 1278	17,547	19,976
Total holdings of Fusly 1278...	3,94,578	4,93,858

From this it will be seen that the lands taken up during the year exceeded those relinquished by Acres 6,238, assessed at Rupees 5,491-1-9. I attribute this to a good season, and to the increasing appreciation by the people of the merits of high prices and easy rents.

Actual cultivation.

Fuslies.	Acres.	Assessment. RS.	A.	P.
1277........	3,88,340	4,88,366	8	8
1278........	3,94,578	4,93,857	10	5

10. The marginal note shows the actual cultivation of the last as compared with the previous year; there being an increase in the former of Acres 6,238, assessed at Rs. 5,491-1-9, which, in my opinion, arises from the causes referred to above.

Waste charged and waste remitted.

11. The abstract of waste charged and waste remitted is given below:—

Fuslies.	Charged. RS.	A.	P.	Remitted. RS.	A.	P.
1277	7,839	10	7	9,861	14	5
1278	9,879	15	3	4,379	9	6
Decrease......	...	...	...	5,482	4	11

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The decrease, namely, Rupees 5,482-4-11, is owing to the favorable nature of the season having rendered remissions unnecessary.

Shavy Remissions.

12. The amount remitted under the head of Shavy was but Rupees 72-15-7, which was less than one-thirteenth of the sum remitted in Fusly 1277. The decrease in this item is Rupees 1,235-6-8.

Special Products.

13. There was in the year under report the petty decrease in the cultivation of sugar-cane of Rupees 92-12-11. Neither cotton nor indigo were raised. The climate and soil of the division appears nowhere to be suited to the successful growth of either of the last named products. Carolina paddy has hardly yet the footing of a special product, and as separate reports have been sent in with regard to its cultivation it does not here appear necessary to do more than to allude to it.

Land and Sundry sources of Revenue.

14. The following abstract shows the particulars under this head:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.			Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	P.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Permanently settled.........	75,948	4	2	75,948	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Not permanently settled, including Shrotriem Jody.	12,026	12	0	11,385	4	4	...	...	...	641	7	8
Ryotwar	4,36,149	14	7	4,48,873	4	11	12,723	6	4	...	...	...
Land Revenue, Miscellaneous........................	45,133	2	1	67,678	13	10	22,545	11	9	...	...	...
Total...	5,69,258	0	10	6,03,885	11	3	34,627	10	5	...	...	...
Forest Revenue	18,035	15	7	18,005	13	1	...	...	...	30	2	6
Abkarry, including Miscellaneous	1,07,450	0	0	99,040	0	0	...	...	...	8,410	0	0
License Tax, including Miscellaneous.................	6,837	4	0	6,391	11	0	...	...	...	445	9	0
Stamps, including Miscellaneous.......................	44,024	5	0	41,075	14	0	...	...	...	2,948	7	0
Grand Total...	7,45,605	9	5	7,68,399	1	4	22,793	7	11	...	...	...

It will be observed that there is an increase of Rupees 22,793-7-11 in favor of the Fusly under report. The causes of increase and decrease are given below.

Not permanently settled, including Shrotriem Jody.

15. The decrease under this head (Rupees 641-7-8) is an apparent one only, being the result of comparison with the beriz of Fusly 1277, which included the collection of outstanding arrears of Inam quit-rent and Jody of previous Fuslies. There were no such collections in the year under report.

Ryotwar.

16. The increase in this item is owing to the small amount of remissions granted, and to the extended cultivation alluded to in paragraph 9.

Land Revenue, Miscellaneous.

17. The chief point calling for notice under this head is the Road Fund, in which the increase amounts to Rupees 21,110-5-10. This is due to the fact that the arrears of Fuslies 1276 and 1277 were, during the year under report, collected and brought to account. The other items are of too trifling a nature to require remark.

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Abkarry.

18. There is a falling-off of Rupees 8,410 in the revenue derived from this source. This is owing, I believe, to the bids for the farm having been lower than formerly, and to the new system of selling it by talooks.

Stamps.

19. There is a decrease under this head of Rupees 2,948-7-0. The cause of this is one which it is difficult to determine. My opinion is that the people have found that litigation is at times too expensive and that they have become aware, in a greater degree than they were in Fusly 1277, of the Board's orders on the subject of Durkhasts, Revenue petitions, etc.

Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of Revenue.

20. Of the total demand of Rs. 7,68,399-1-4 the collection within the Fusly was Rupees 6,52,248-0-9. Further collections up to 31st July amounted to Rupees 24,510-7-7, leaving a balance to be collected of Rupees 91,640-9-0. Orders to push collections have been issued to the Tahsildars. The recent orders of the Board of Revenue, directing the service by Village Officers, without fee of any kind, of demands for the payment of arrears of revenue is, and I think with some show of reason, assigned as a cause for short collections.

Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of Arrears.

21. Statement No. 13 shows the particulars under this head. The arrears of all sources of revenue at the close of Fusly 1277 were Rupees 1,80,015 4-7. Of this Rs. 68,440-7-2 were collected during the year under report, and Rupees 25,216-3-7 remitted, leaving a balance of Rupees 14,358-9-10. Subsequent collections up to 31st July amount to Rs. 784-4-8. Of the remainder, namely, Rupees 13,574-5-2, Rupees 11,182-7-10 are recoverable, Rupees 329-12-0 doubtful, and Rupees 2,062-1-4 irrecoverable. The last of these items consists in the most part of unrealised dues on lands sold for arrears; shavy remissions granted subsequent to the settlement; punjah shavy remissions given under the authority of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue marginally noted; and Income Tax assessed under the old Act, which last, though set down in each Jummahbundy report for the last four years as an irrecoverable amount, has not yet been struck off the demand.

No. 1,968, dated 19th March 1868.

Interest.

22. A separate statement, showing the interest realised under each head of Revenue, is enclosed.

Coercive Process.

23. Processes were issued for the collection of arrears, amounting to Rupees 4,287-1-9, but property, amounting to only Rupees 890-4-2, was actually sold.

Talook and Village accounts.

24. The Talook and Village accounts were examined, the latter most carefully, and there was a manifest improvement in the way in which they were kept. The use of English figures, and the cleanliness and due preservation of the accounts themselves, have been enforced. The Talook accounts were correct and in proper order.

Lands acquired by public Servants.

25. A list of the lands acquired by public servants is transmitted herewith.

Conduct of public Servants.

26. This has, with one exception, been very good. Chakrapani Row, a Goomastah in the Dharampoory Talook, was convicted by the Sessions Court of embezzling money connected with Local Funds, and sentenced to undergo five years' rigorous imprisonment.

OOSSOOR,
17th August 1869.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Acting Sub-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. N. POCHIN,
Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

SOUTH CANARA.

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report on the Settlement of the Revenue derived from Land and Sundry sources in this District in Fusly 1278, accompanied by the prescribed Returns.

Villages at which the settlement was made.

2. These are shown below :—

Names of Talooks.		Stations where the settlement was made.	Period occupied in each Talook.
By H. S. Thomas, Esq., Acting Collector	Mangalore... ...	Mudbidri. ... ... Gurpur. ... ... Mangalore.... ...	Four days.
Do. do. ...	Udipi...	Brahmawar... ... Perdur. ... ... Udipi. ... ... Kap. ... ... Karkal.	Seven days.
Do. do. ...	Kundapur... ...	Baindur. ... ... Jedkal. ... ... Wandse. ... ... Shenkranarain. ... Kundapur.... ...	Six days.
By J. Sturrock, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector.	Kassergode. ...	Adur. ... ... Bedadka. ... ... Hosdrug. ... ... Kassergode... ... Manjeshwar. ...	Six days.
Do. do. ...	Uppinangadi ...	Beltangadi. ... Dharmastal. ... Golitattu ... ... Uppinangadi. ... Bellare. ... ... Sullya.	Eight days.

Number of Puttahs.

Fusly 1277	39,205
,, 1278	39,395
Increase...	190

3. The total number of puttahs for the year (by which is represented the total number of ryots' holdings in the district) was 39,395, exclusive of Wurgs lying fallow. Of these the number of freshly issued puttahs was 656, viz., 245 for lands newly taken up for cultivation; 3 for estates, the revenue of which was formerly

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assigned for Inams, but which has since reverted to Government, the Inams having been converted into money payments and brought under regular audit; 7 for Wurgs which had been left fallow, and which were again brought under cultivation; and 401 for some of the Wurgs, the puttahs of which had not been produced by the ryots for alteration. The number of puttahs which were modified by additional entries was 189, while those in which no alteration at all was made were 38,550.

Season.

4. The subjoined statement of rain-fall during the year under report shows an increase of 7 inches and 62 cents over the quantity which fell during the previous year:—

Months.	1867-68.	1868-69.
April	0·30	2·47
May	1·60	3·71
June	32·78	66·84
July	41·81	34·95
August...	29·54	19·45
September	18·74	7·34
Total...	124·77	134·76
Average...	20·79	22·46
October	5·67	2·42
November...	0·55	1·62
December...	......	......
January	0·19	......
February	......	......
March...	......	......
Total...	6·41	4·04
Average...	2·13	2·02
Grand Total...	131·18	138·80
Net Increase...	......	7·62

For the first rice crops the rain-fall was more than sufficient; it was abundant, but the second and third crops suffered considerably on account of the rain failing in the months of September and October. The luxuriance of the first crops compensated for the subsequent failures—witness the general fall in the average price of grain in the face of increased exportations.

The cocoanut and areca gardens seem not to have been affected by mere irregularity without deficiency of rain-fall, for their produce was apparently larger than in the previous year, as evidenced by increased exports.

Sanitary Condition.

5. This was on the whole satisfactory. Cholera and small-pox showed themselves but to a very limited extent and in but few localities, and the deaths from both these causes were very few. The district was not, however, altogether free from its annual fever, the fever which proved so destructive in the preceding year, but the mortality was this year reduced by half. Measures were

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adopted as in the previous year to affor d relief to the sick by sending out medicines and all the available medical aid.

Fuslies.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Fever.	Other causes.	Total.
1277.	202	275	10,498	10,356	21,331
1278.	137	113	5,536	10,780	16,566
Difference.	65	Decrease. 162	4,962	Increase. 424	Net decrease. 4,765

Health of Cattle.

Fuslies.	Deaths.		
	From Disease, etc.	By wild Beasts.	Total.
1277... ...	...	...	20,110
1278... ...	17,879	1,690	19,569
Decrease	...	...	541

The mortality among cattle, compared with that in the previous year, again shows favorably. There is a decrease of 541 deaths. This is the more satisfactory as I believe the figures are more reliable than any hitherto obtained, as I have made arrangements for information of the deaths among cattle in each village being forwarded along with the village Mortuary returns. The death-rate is 3·83 on the agricultural stock of the district, and I am inclined to think that it would have been still further reduced but for the failure of rain and consequent failure of pasturage in the latter part of the monsoon. The figures given include deaths from all causes, whether by disease, age, or wild beasts, and it is by the improvement in the number of deaths from wild beasts that the mortality has been mainly reduced. In February 1868 I calculated that, at a low estimate, the peasants of the district lost more than a lakh of Rupees per annum in horned cattle killed by panthers and tigers, but mainly by panthers. This was as bad as a grievous murrain, but the enhanced and ready rewards for their destruction have in less than two years already worked a very marked improvement, and the loss of cattle from this cause has been reduced by about three-fourths.

Prices.

6. The wholesale prices of grains are shown in the subjoined statement compared with those of Fusly 1277, and the average of the previous ten years :—

Grains.	Average of ten years from Fusly 1268 to 1277.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Difference as compared with the average.		Per centage	Difference as compared with Fusly 1277.		Per centage
	RS.	RS.	RS.	Increase.	Decrease.		Increase.	Decrease.	
Paddy, 2nd sort, per garce ...	159	144	148	......	11	7·43	4	......	2·78
Rice, 1st sort, per garce ...	458	453	448	......	10	2·45	......	5	1·11
Rice, 2nd sort, per garce ...	359	312	335	......	24	7·16	23	......	7·37
Raggy	231	252	228	......	3	1·31	......	24	10·52
Horse-gram ...	282	284	305	23	......	8·16	21	......	7·39

There was a fall in the price of first sort rice and raggy, which usually form the first crops raised in the district; the obvious cause thereof being the abundance of the yield of this crop, as already

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stated in paragraph 4. The rise in the prices of other grains is similarly attributable to their scantiness, they being grains usually cultivated after the first crops are reaped, and consequently later in the year when rain was, as above shown, deficient.

Exports of Rice by sea.

7. There was a material increase in these during the year under report, as shown in the subjoined table :—

Ports.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
Dutiable Ports.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.
Arabia and other Ports in the Persian Gulf	65,080	76,554	11,474	....
Kutch	44,585	58,461	13,876	....
Portuguese Ports	54,885	1,04,407	49,522	....
Free Ports.				
Bombay	92,800	1,07,637	14,837	....
Scind	925	304	....	621
Guzerat	....	2,409	2,409	....
Travancore...	....	462	462	....
Malabar	5,90,457	6,22,135	31,678	....
Total...	8,48,732	9,72,369	1,24,258	621
Net Increase...	....	....	1,23,637	....

The coasting trade had been almost at a stand-still in the previous year, owing to the rise in freight on account of the demands thereon of the Abyssinian expedition. That expedition having come to a close the export trade has recovered itself.

Exports of Coffee.

8. These show a falling off, which is attributed to the presence of the "Coffee borer" in the plantations of Mysore and Coorg.

Ports.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	CWT.	CWT.	CWT.	CWT.
London...	29,942	23,622	......	6,320
France...	3,576	5,719	2,143	......
Arabia and Persian Gulf	22,044	20,231	......	1,813
Other Ports	17,995	11,972	......	6,023
	73,557	61,544	2,143	14,156
Net Decrease...	......	......	......	12,013

Ryots' Holdings.

9. The district not having been surveyed the extent of ryots' holdings is unknown.

Cultivation and Settlement—Statement No. 3.

10. The extent of cultivation cannot be given, as no accounts are kept in this district of the actual amount of land under tillage. The following Abstract, however, shows the gross assessment, the remissions, and the net revenue, including "Miscellaneous Items," as compared with the results of the preceding Fusly.

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A.—Comparative Statement of Cultivation and Settlement.

Items.	Last Fusly.		Present Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.		RS.		RS.
Dry... ... ... } Wet ... ... }	...	13,83,138 4 5	...	13,85,103 15 5	...	1,966	...	...
Road Cess	...	42,771 10 11	...	42,759 11 1	...	...	...	12
Total...	...	14,25,909 15 4		14,27,863 10 6	...	1,966	...	12
Deduct Remissions.								
Road Fund	...	42,771 10 11	...	42,759 11 1	...	...	...	12
Village Service Fund.	...	....	...	....	...	...	...	...
Other remissions, as particularized in Statement No. 4 ..	...	34,959 4 6	...	42,370 5 11	...	7,411	...	...
Total...	...	77,730 15 5	...	85,130 1 0	...	7,411	...	12
Remaining Beriz ...	...	13,48,178 15 11	...	13,42,733 9 6	...	...	...	5,445
Add "Miscellaneous Items," as per Statement No. 5	...	45,346 7 9	...	63,907 6 11	...	18,561	...	...
Total...	...	13,93,525 7 8	...	14,06,641 0 5	...	18,561	...	5,445
Net Increase...	...	....	..	....	...	13,116	...	...

There is a net increase under Ryotwar revenue, which may be explained as follows:—

			RS. A. P.
Amount of settlement for Fusly 1277			13,83,138 4 5
Add—Assessment of lands newly taken up in Fusly 1278	1,960 5 1		
Assessment of two Wurgs transferred from North to South Canara in consequence of the re-arrangement of the boundary between the two districts under the orders of the Supreme Government	89 6 6		
Assessment of certain estates formerly assigned as Inams, but which have reverted to Government either in consequence of the lapse of the allowances to Government, or their having been converted into ready money payments	281 1 9		
			2,330 13 4
			13,85,469 1 9
Deduct—Assessment of two estates and of portions of two others transferred to the district of North Canara during the arrangement of the boundary..	364 11 3		
Assessment of lands taken up for public purposes	0 7 1		
			365 2 4
Net assessment for Fusly 1277...			13,85,103 15 5
Difference between Fusly 1277 and 1278...			1,965 11 0

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11. I now proceed to explain the fluctuations in the other items, viz., "Remissions" and "Miscellaneous items of Land Revenue."

Permanent Remissions.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277	1,44,552	6	1
„ 1278	1,44,260	8	5
Decrease...	291	13	8

12. The amount standing under this head in the accounts of the last Fusly was Rupees 1,44,552-6-1. This has been reduced during the year under review to Rupees 1,44,260-8-5 by the exclusion of a sum of Rupees 293-12-9 out of the last year's remissions, and the admission of Rupee 1-15-1 as resh fremissions during the year, as shown below :—

				RS.	A.	P.
Amount struck off the accounts of this district, being the Land tax under remission on certain estates transferred to the district of North Canara				12	11	0
Assessment imposed on certain Inam lands in consequence of the lapse of the Inams to Government and the conversion of others into money payments direct from the Treasury.................				281	1	9
Total...				293	12	9
Deduct remissions transferred from the district of North Canara	1	8	0			
Do. assessment remitted on lands taken up for public purposes	0	7	1			
				1	15	1
Net reduction...				291	13	8

Temporary Remissions.—Statement No. 4.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277...	34,959	4	6
„ 1278...	42,370	5	11
Increase...	7,411	1	5

13. These show a net increase of Rupees 7,411-1-5, of which, however, Rupees 6,911-15-4 is the amount of the salary of village servants deducted from the collections of the Land revenue and credited to the "Village Service Fund," under the instructions conveyed in Board's Circular Memorandum, No. 238, dated the 12th March 1869; the remainder is composed of the net increase in the aggregate of the remissions allowed in the following items :—

Item No. 1.—Shamilat Bunger, (portions of fields left uncultivated.)

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277	3,749	1	0
„ 1278	2,468	2	9
Decrease...	1,280	14	3

The decrease appearing under this head arises from portions of some of the estates which were lying fallow having been brought under cultivation and charged with assessment during the year under report, and also from some other estates having been resigned by the holders, and consequently transferred from this head to that of "Lands unoccupied," (Item No. 13,) and from several other estates having been placed under the head "Deficiency of land and over-assessment" for reasons which will be explained under that head.

Item No. 4.—Land flooded or injured by water.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277	2,157	0	7
„ 1278	2,221	7	11
Increase...	64	7	4

The increase under this item is the amount of remission allowed on portions of four Wurgs (estates) which had been washed away by the rivers in the Udipi and Mangalore Talooks.

Item No. 6.—Cowle Remissions.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277	298	2	1
„ 1278	46	3	8
Decrease...	251	14	5

These have resulted in a decrease of Rupees 251-14-5, consequent on the terms of certain cowles having matured.

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Item No. 10.—Loss of Crops.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277...	55	8	0
„ 1278...	9	0	0
Decrease...	46	8	0

The decrease of Rupees 46-8-0 arises from the assessment of a certain estate having been raised and a sum of Rupees 37-12-0 out of last year's remissions having been transferred to the heads "Lands unoccupied," and "Deficiency of land and over-assessment."

Item No. 12.—Waste Salt Pans.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277	3,129	2	11
„ 1278	3,115	4	10
Decrease...	13	14	1

The decrease under this head consists of a portion of the assessment on a certain Wurg in the Kassergode Talook, which was hitherto remitted on account of its containing a waste salt pan, but which has now been collected; the salt pan having been brought under rice and garden cultivation.

Item No. 13.—Lands unoccupied.

	No. of Wurgs.	Assessment. RS.	A.	P.
Wurgs lying waste in Fusly 1277.	350	4,958	14	9
Deduct Wurgs brought under cultivation in Fusly 1278	7	147	13	2
	343	4,811	1	7
Add Wurgs remaining uncultivated in Fusly 1278...........................	65	1,119	8	1
	408	5,930	9	8
	58	971	10	11

This item presents a net increase of 58 estates in the number of those remaining unoccupied, representing an assessment of Rupees 971-10-11. The number was swelled during the year under report by transfers from other items of remissions, the estates so transferred occurring chiefly in the Uppinangadi Talook, in which alone no less than 43 estates had to be placed under this head in addition to the large number already on the list. The unhealthiness of the localities where the lands are situated, and the consequent difficulty of bringing them under cultivation, are the causes which operate to keep the lands without occupants.

Item No. 14.—Deficiency of land and Over-assessment.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277...	9,749	3	4
„ 1278...	11,123	8	0
Increase...	1,374	4	8

(1.) As will be seen from the marginal statement there has been a comparatively large increase in the remissions allowed under this head which calls for an explanation. It is in great measure the result of an exceptional mode of settlement adopted by me as regards a certain number of Kambharti estates in the Kundapur, Udipi, and Mangalore Talooks, a portion of the assessment of which was hitherto placed under this as well as other heads of temporary remissions, and which assessment, though nominally borne in the accounts, was never realized. It has been the practice hitherto to have such portions of these estates as are brought under cultivation each year surveyed by the village Shanbhogs, and to charge an assessment calculated with reference to the estimated produce of such lands as ascertained and reported by these servants. The result of this was that the assessment thus fixed was found inadequate in some cases and excessive in others, and a door was constantly opened to the village servants for corruption, and for oppressing or favoring the ryots as suited their interests by exaggerated or disproportionate estimates. To obviate these evils, and to reduce as much as possible the trouble entailed on the Settlement Officer in scrutinizing the capabilities of each estate at each successive settlement, I adopted the following principle of assessment, having reference more to the area than to the estimated produce of the land:—Taking the ascertained area of each estate as the basis of the calculation I applied to it an assessment calculated at the average standard rates prevailing elsewhere as regards other fully assessed estates. In every case in which the assessment thus calculated did not exceed the taram, but fell short of the previous year's settlement, I raised it to the latter amount, informing the ryot, where good reasons existed for not further enhancing the assessment, that it would never be so raised. In other cases, where the new

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assessment though less than the taram exceeded the previous year's settlement, I adopted the new assessment itself as the future fixed demand against the ryot, allowing in some instances in which such indulgence was called for the usual period to bring it to that standard, and placing the difference between the taram and the present assessment as remissions under this head on the ground of over-assessment.

The result of this arrangement has been that on 126 estates thus settled Rupees 2,450-8-5 had to be foregone at the last settlement as virtually a permanent remission on the lands out of the taram beriz, to which I request the sanction of the Board of Revenue. I must here observe that a similar mode of dealing with Kambharti estates was adopted by me in the Uppinangadi Talook during the settlement of Fusly 1277, as reported in paragraph 13 of my Settlement Report for that Fusly, and was very acceptable to the ryots as avoiding the annual surveys and the interference of the village servants.

Talooks.	No. of Estate.	Taram Beriz.			Settlement of Fusly 1277.			Settlement of Fusly 1278, including the amount to be prospectively raised.			Remission.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Kundapur ...	117	6,527	5	6	3,967	11	11	4,184	8	9	2,342	12	9
Udipi	8	237	4	10	166	14	10	132	11	7	104	9	3
Mangalore ...	1	8	2	5	5	0	0	5	0	0	3	2	5
Total...	126	6,772	12	9	4,139	10	9	4,322	4	4	2,450	8	5

(2.) Independently of the above remissions I have to seek the sanction of the Board for excluding from the demand, in the future accounts of this district, a sum of Rupees 108-12-10, being the assessment of two nominal estates in the Kassergode Talook, for which no lands are forthcoming. One (No. 51) of these has the name of "Dubara Jafti" on the register without, however, any owner or claimant for it, or any land appertaining thereto; and from inquiries made it appears that certain assessment, which was formerly paid to a Hindoo pagoda in the Adur village, was once confiscated by Tippoo, but through a mistake the same assessment was again credited in the accounts on the Company's accession as a fresh resumption while making out a list of all resumed Inams and privileges in the district; but there being no land forthcoming on which to charge the said assessment it has ever since continued to be entered under the head of "Remissions."

	Taram.		
	RS.	A.	P.
Wurg No. 51, of Adur Kasbam... ...	105	12	10
Do. No. 74, of do.	3	0	0
	108	12	10

No land is also forthcoming for the other Estate, No. 74, nor is there the name of any owners or any sist entered for it in the Chitta or Register of the estate, and it appears that the entry of the assessment in the accounts was a fictitious one from the very beginning to make up some deficiency in the total demand of the village.

The retention of both these nominal Wurgs in the accounts being of no use I propose, with the Board's permission, to strike them off entirely from the ensuing Fusly 1279.

Item No. 15.—Board Shifarns.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277...	9,607	5	2
" 1278...	9,583	15	5
Decrease...	23	5	9

The decrease of Rupees 23-5-9 is a portion of the assessment remitted on two Wurgs in Mangalore and another in the Uppinangadi Talook in the previous Fusly 1277, but which has now been reimposed, the lands being found capable of bearing the same.

Item No. 16.—General circumstances of Distress.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277...	49	14	11
" 1278...	5	0	4
Decrease...	44	14	7

The decrease under this head arises from Rupees 44-14-7 remitted in the former year on account of complete prostration of all the farm servants from fever and for other causes having been transferred to the head "Over-assessment" for the reasons stated under that head.

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Item No. 17.—Deficiency of Produce.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277	1,204	15	9
„ 1278	955	2	0
Decrease..	249	13	9

The decrease under this head is likewise the amount of remissions transferred to the head "Over-assessment" for the reasons stated therein.

Tiruwalli Wurgs.

14. I beg to bring to the notice of the Board a slight alteration made by me in the mode of assessing three estates in the Mangalore Talook called "Tiruwalli Wurgs," with an aggregate extent of Acres 11-9-12, as it involves a modification of the settlement of my predecessors.

The terms on which these lands have been hitherto held are the following:—One Anna seven Pies has been charged for each cocoanut tree that came into bearing, but as there was no fixed time within which the land was required to be planted, and as the land is suited to nothing but cocoanut trees, it remained optional with the ryots to hold the land and yet keep it practically waste and free from land tax as long as they liked. It was also necessary that the lands should be annually inspected and the cocoanut trees in bearing counted and reported. Though the assessment, if the land had been properly planted, would have amounted to Rupees 133-7-11, and ought many years ago to have reached this figure, the sum actually paid has been only Rupees 9-14-5. I have assessed the land at Rupees 4 an acre, and informed the ryots that this amount and no more will be regularly collected, and that the annual inspection of, and report on the number of fruit-bearing cocoanut trees they may have will be discontinued. The result of this measure is to fix an assessment on the whole land of Rupees 44-15-7, and to collect it at once in lieu of holding over it a mythical Rupees 133-7-11, of which only Rupees 9-14-5 is really collected.

Extent of land cultivated with special Products.

Fuslies.	Extent.	Price of Jaggery per Candy.
	ACRES.	RS.
1277	940	56
1278	946	47
	Increase 6	Decrease 9

15. There has been during the year under report a slight increase in the extent of land cultivated with sugar-cane, the only special product grown to any extent in South Canara, but the price of this article shows a falling off, which is attributable to a less demand for exportation.

Export of Jaggery.

	CWT.
Fusly 1277	1,289
„ 1278	838
Decrease...	451

Land Revenue, Miscellaneous Items.—Statement No. 5.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277...	45,346	7	9
„ 1278...	63,907	6	11
Increase...	18,560	15	2

16. The revenue from this source results in a net increase of Rupees 18,560, the chief items which have contributed to it being the sale proceeds of Amindivi coir, the rent derived from a certain Cardamom farm, and the sale proceeds of waste lands sold subject to assessment. The latter two items have been for the first time credited to "Land Revenue, Miscellaneous," during the year under review.

(2.) The increase in the sale proceeds of Amindivi coir amounts to 17,860 Rupees, and is attributable partly to a larger quantity of coir yarn having, out of last year's stock, been available for sale than in the previous year, and partly also to the prices realised at the auction sales having been very favorable owing to a keen competition among the purchasers; the average prices obtained being 58 per cent. higher than those of the preceding Fusly. The coir yarn supplied by the Islanders this year was of a somewhat better quality than that delivered before. Of the 676 candies imported 380 candies arrived before 1st March, and the rest after that period.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	25,886
„ 1278	43,746
Increase...	17,860

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The system of rewards, as well as penalties approved in G. O., 6th December 1867, No. 2,296, was enforced in some cases to ensure early deliveries in next year.

(3.) The increase of 800 Rupees in item No. 28 is the rent of a Cardamom farm in the Uppinangadi Talook leased to a certain ryot under Board's Proceedings, dated the 12th November 1866, No. 8,128. The rent was hitherto credited to Forest revenue, but it has been brought under this item during the year under report, it being properly an item of Miscellaneous Land Revenue.

(4.) There is a slight increase in some other minor items, such as "Shivoy kist," "Ground rent," etc., but these do not seem to require any particular remark.

Item No. 38.—Coomery Cultivation.

	Extent of land cultivated.			Revenue.		
	ACRES.	G.	A.	RS	A.	P.
Fusly 1277.						
Amount included in the Jummabundy	5,028	13	3	8,481	9	4
Punished with confiscation of crop, etc.	......	...	...	64	8	5
Total...	5,028	13	3	8,546	1	9
Fusly 1278.						
Amount included in the Jummabundy	4,587	32	6	4,722	11	9
Punished with confiscation of crop, etc.	... ..	...	...	......	...	...
Total...	4,587	32	6	4,722	11	9
Decrease...	440	20	13	3,823	6	0

The tax derived from the cultivation of coomery shows a considerable falling off during the year under report, as there is a decrease both in the extent of land subjected to this mode of cultivation and the assessment levied on it. The falling off is not however, I am inclined to think, any indication that the people have abstained from this objectionable cultivation ; but on the contrary it appears that the fear of a criminal prosecution for all excess, and unauthorized clearings above a certain percentage, has deterred many from cultivating more than is legitimately allowed in each ryot's puttah.

Sundry Sources of Revenue.

17. The following statement shows the particulars of Sundry sources of revenue, resulting in a net increase of Rupees 21,798 :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Abkarry, including Miscellaneous Items	1,06,378	1,02,434	......	3,944
2. Salt, do. do.	5,61,889	5,57,171	......	4,718
3. Sea Customs, do. do.	56,344	70,834	14,490	......
4. Stamps, do. do.	1,49,989	1,61,081	11,092	......
5. Assessed Taxes, do. do.	7,610	11,941	4,331	......
6. Income Tax	......	547	547	......
Total...	8,82,210	9,04,008	30,460	8,662

There is an increase in all items except Abkarry and Salt.

(1.) The decrease in the Abkarry revenue is attributable to the fact of two* of the five farms of this district having sold for a less amount than the rents of the previous year, when they were put up to auction under Board's Proceedings, dated 4th March 1868, No. 1,553 ; the former contractors having declined to hold them on the terms of the preceding year's contract in consequence of a reduction made in the number of shops and places of manufacture under the Board's orders. It has, however, since more than recovered.

* Mangalore.
Udupi.

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Salt.

Fuslies.	Home consumption.	Inland consumption.
	IND. MDS.	IND. MDS.
Fusly 1277	1,65,142	1,62,268
" 1278	1,71,757	1,54,748
	Increase.	Decrease.
Difference...	6,615	7,520

(2.) The decrease in the Salt revenue, occurs solely in the sales for Inland consumption, while there is an increase in Home sales. The former always depend on the number of carts coming down from above the ghauts with coffee and other goods for exportation, as they take a load of salt in return. As there was a considerable falling off in the usual exports of coffee during the year under report there has resulted a decrease in the Inland sales of salt.

Sea Customs.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	56,344
" 1278	70,834
Increase...	14,490

(3). The increase under this head is chiefly attributable to a larger quantity of grain having been exported during the year under report to Foreign or Dutiable ports.

Stamps.

	RS.
Fusly 1277...	1,49,989
" 1278...	1,61,081
Increase...	11,092

(4.) The Stamp revenue shows a steady increase notwithstanding the frauds committed by the introduction of counterfeit stamps, the extent of which, and of the loss thus entailed on Government, has not yet been fully ascertained. The present increase is no doubt to be attributed to increased dealings among the people, while the renewal of the Abkarry contracts for a period of three years at the close of the Fusly, which necessitated the use of a large number of stamps for agreements and muchilkas, has also in some measure contributed to the increase.

Assessed Taxes.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	7,610
" 1278	11,941
Increase...	4,331

(5.) A large portion of the amount due under the License Tax Act for 1867-68 had been collected before the end of Fusly 1276, so that little remained to be recovered under that Act in Fusly 1277; while the collections for Fusly 1278 represent almost the whole of the amount due under the Certificate Tax for 1868-69, which was collected in the year under report. This accounts for the apparent increase in this item.

18. The following is an Abstract showing the revenue from both land and sundry sources, resulting in a net increase of Rupees 34,914 over the total revenue of the previous Fusly :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Land Revenue	13,93,525	14,06,641	13,116	......
2. Sundry Sources of Revenue	8,82,210	9,04,008	21,798	......
Total...	22,75,735	23,10,649	34,914	......

Demand, Collection, and Balance of all sources of Current Revenue.

19. This is shown in the subjoined table:—

Items.	Demand.			Collection.			Balance.			Subsequent collections in July, Fusly 1279.			Balance.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Land Revenue...	14,06,641	0	5	13,99,507	8	2	7,133	8	3	2,809	0	7	4,324	7	8
Sundry Sources..	9,04,007	13	10	9,04,007	13	10	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...
Total..	23,10,648	14	3	23,03,515	6	0	7,133	8	3	2,809	0	7	4,324	7	8

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It will appear that the outstanding balance of Land revenue was reduced by subsequent collections to Rupees 4,324-7-8. Steps have been taken for the early realization of this balance, but a large portion of the arrears stands against the Kadpara lands in the Kassergode Talook, regarding the reduction of the assessment of which I have separately addressed the Board in my letter, No. 1,088, dated the 13th instant.

Demand, Collection, and Balance of Arrears.

20. These are shown below :—

Items.	Land Revenue.	Sundry Sources of Revenue.	Total.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Balance at the commencement of the Fusly... ...	7,040 9 5	1,733 5 4	8,773 14 9
Amount collected within the Fusly	7,007 4 5	1,733 5 4	8,740 9 9
Balance at the close of the Fusly...	33 5 0	....	33 5 0

The unpaid arrears amount to Rupees 33-5-0. A portion of this, Rupees 14-15-7, is the assessment due on a certain Wurg in the Udipi Talook for Fusly 1277. The owner of the land having failed to make good the amount, and having no other property from which it could be recovered, orders have been issued for the attachment of the land under the provisions of Act II of 1864. The remaining sum of Rupees 18-5-5 is the quit-rent for Fusly 1277 due on the site of a bungalow situated within the Mangalore Cantonment and held under a Government grant. The bungalow was burnt and has not been re-built. The owners of the land having failed to conform to the condition of the grant, a civil suit has been filed against the parties to have it cancelled, and in the meantime the collection of the quit-rent has been suspended under the Board's orders, conveyed in their Proceedings, dated the 8th July 1868, No. 5,020.

Comparative Abstract of Collections.

21. The collections of the year, as compared with those of the previous Fusly, are shown in the subjoined statement :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Difference.	
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Increase.	Decrease.
Land Revenue.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ryotwar	6,877	13,42,793	13,49,670	5,371	13,36,237	13,41,608	......	8,062
Miscellaneous items	2,537	43,692	46,229	1,636	63,270	64,906	18,677	......
	9,414	13,86,485	13,95,899	7,007	13,99,507	14,06,514	18,677	8,062
Abkarry	1,733	1,04,645	1,06,378	1,733	1,02,434	1,04,167	......	2,211
Salt	......	5,61,889	5,61,889	......	5,57,171	5,57,171	......	4,718
Sea Customs... ...	......	56,344	56,344	......	70,834	70,834	14,490	......
Stamps...	......	1,49,989	1,49,989	......	1,61,081	1,61,081	11,092	......
Assessed Taxes ...	......	7,610	7,610	......	11,941	11,941	4,331	......
Income Tax.........	......	......	......	......	547	547	547	......
Total...	1,733	8,80,477	8,82,210	1,733	9,04,008	9,05,741	30,460	6,929
Grand Total...	11,147	22,66,962	22,78,109	8,740	23,03,515	23,12,255	49,137	14,991
Net Increase...	......	......	......	......	......	....	34,146	......

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There is an increase, it will be seen, in the collections from all other items except "Land Revenue," "Abkarry," and "Salt." The causes of the fluctuation in the different items have already been explained in their appropriate places.

Coercive Process.

Nature of property.	Cases.	Amount of arrears.			Value of property sold.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Immoveable	9	128	1	2	903	11	3
Moveable..................	6	243	7	8	99	10	5
Total...	15	371	8	10	1,003	5	8

22. In nine cases only was it found necessary to sell immoveable property in satisfaction of the Government demands due thereon. The defaulters were either destitute of moveable property, or had abandoned their tenements, or had died without leaving heirs behind them. The moveable property of six other individuals was attached, owing to their wilfully withholding the payment of Government dues.

23. As directed in Board's Standing Order, No. $2\frac{7}{2}7$, the amount of fees collected for the service of processes under Madras Act II. of 1864, and the amount distributed, is shown in the margin. The practice of employing separate batta Peons for the service of these processes has been discontinued in this district, and the Talook Officers have been directed to abstain from employing any other than the ordinary village servants for this purpose in future.

	RS.	A.	P.
Total amount of fees collected under Madras Act II. of 1864	214	13	0
Amount distributed	137	7	0
Balance...	77	6	0

Charges.

24. The Revenue charges of the district amounted to Rupees 3,45,639-5-9, being Rupees 73,219-4-0 in excess of those incurred in the preceding Fusly, as shown in the subjoined table :—

Items.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Land Revenue	1,36,081	1,40,464	4,383	......
Abkarry	......	124	124	9
Assessed Taxes	1,194	602	......	52
Customs	7,091	7,667	576	......
Salt	1,21,210	1,88,937	67,727	......
Stamps	6,844	7,845	1,001	......
Total...	2,72,420	3,45,639	Net increase 73,219	......

The chief items which have contributed to the above net increase are the charges incurred on account of the salaries and the fixed and extra tentage of Collectors and Assistant Collectors, the purchase price paid for salt, and the charges for petty construction and repairs of salt works.

Salaries of Collectors.

The net increase of Rupees 5,793 under this head is attributable to the fact of both myself and Mr. Boswell, who officiated for me during my absence on privilege leave, having drawn our salaries and deputation allowance for November and December 1868 in this district, as well as to the deputation allowances of Covenanted Officers having been drawn at the new increased rates since August 1868, and to there having been in the district during the year two passed Assistant Collectors entitled to higher scale of pay, and one unpassed Assistant instead of

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only one passed and one unpassed Assistant as in the previous year. The total increase on this account was Rupees 8,272-15-0, but it was reduced to the amount shown in the margin by the fact of two Assistant Collectors having drawn their pay for two months out of the district, as well as by the Treasury Deputy Collector's salary for two months having been withheld during his absence on privilege leave.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277...	42,448	4	8
1278...	48,241	3	8
Increase...	5,792	15	0

Fixed Tentage, House-rent, etc.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277...	3,545	3	2
„ 1278...	4,262	10	3
Increase...	717	7	1

The increase under this item is attributable partly to the increased number of Assistants stationed in the district, and partly to the operation of the new rates of extra tentage sanctioned by Government for Covenanted Officers.

Huzoor Talook and Establishment.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277...	60,572	8	1
„ 1278...	59,917	12	11
Decrease...	654	11	2

The small decrease appearing under this head has resulted from the salaries of certain servants having been withheld during their absence on leave, and from savings in the salaries of others.

Miscellaneous Charges.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277...	23,546	14	2
„ 1278...	21,911	6	7
Decrease...	1,635	7	7

The decrease in Miscellaneous charges arises almost entirely from the supply of Amindivi coir imported in the year (the cost of which is debited to this head) having fallen short of the importations of the previous year by 66 candies.

Abkarry.

The charges* incurred in the year under report consist of the registration fees under Act XX. of 1866, and refund of sale proceeds of spirituous liquors unlawfully confiscated and sold.

* Rupees 134-3-11

Salt.

Under this head the purchase cost of salt has been comparatively large. This is owing partly to the higher rates at which contracts were made for the supply of Bombay and Goa salt, and partly to the necessity for securing a sufficient stock of salt for the consumption of the year with a margin for the next, as in the previous Fusly the purchases were at first restricted to the actual requirements of the year in anticipation of the introduction of the Excise system, and were subsequently brought even below that level by the failure of a contractor to deliver the quantity contracted for, and supplementary tenders had to be invited at a late period of the season.

Fusly.	Quantity of salt purchased for the Monopoly.	Price paid. Rate.	Price paid. Amount.
1277.	IN MDS.		RS. A. P.
Bombay salt	1,53,722	At 53, 55, and 65 Rs. per garce.	70,924 3 3
Goa do.	42,817	At 21¼, 37, and 40 Rs. per garce.	12,231 15 7
Local manufacture	30,579	At 13-2-0 per garce...............	3,344 9 3
	2,27,118	....	86,500 12 1
1278.			
Bombay salt	1,88,070	At 60, 61, and 64 Rs. per garce.	99,653 7 8
Goa do.	1,47,184	At 34 and 40 Rs. per garce......	41,766 7 0
Local manufacture	66,902	At Rs. 13-2-0, 15-10-0, and 16-6-0 per garce................	8,164 15 10
	4,02,156	....	1,49,584 14 6
Increase...	1,75,038	....	63,084 2 5

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Charges for conveying and storing Salt.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277	6,248	13	2
,, 1278	4,389	11	11
Decrease...	1,859	1	3

The inland traders who return with salt after discharging at the port of Mangalore their cart-loads of coffee and other produce from the ghauts have, to some extent, made their purchases at Mangalore instead of at the inland Depôt at Panemangalore. This they did partly by mistake and partly in order to avoid the additional charge of carriage there payable by orders of Government. This has tended to reduce the cost of the conveyance of salt.

Petty Construction and Repair.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277	8,902	14	11
,, 1278...	15,543	14	5
Increase...	6,640	15	6

The prosecution of budgetted works was regularly carried out in the year under report, while in the previous year, owing to the lateness in the receipt of the sanctioned Budget, the works to be executed could not be fully undertaken.

Wastage of Salt.

25. The following table shows the quantity of salt stored, the out-turn of the stores when sold, and the actual wastage which occurred during the year under report, as compared with the results of the preceding Fusly :—

Fusly.	Quantity stored.	Out-turn of the stores.	Wastage.	Per centage.
	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	
1277..............................	2,76,081	2,62,270	14,474	5·24
1278..............................	1,93,072	1,88,310	4,762	2·46

It will be seen that the average percentage of the wastage has been much reduced during the year under report, being less than half of what it was in the preceding year. A reference to the accompanying Statement No. 11 will show that in only two cases as large a wastage as 10·12 and 11·78 per cent. has occurred, but this was in a quantity of salt stored in Fusly 1275 under the old system of measurement and sold by weighment, and which had also deteriorated from long storage. The wastage in all other cases is too small to be attributed to any dishonesty or negligence on the part of the salt servants ; and I have, therefore, the honor to request that sanction may be given for writing off the accounts the total wastage of Indian Maunds 4,762 shown above.

Lapses of Pagoda allowances.

	Annual allowance. RS. A. P.
Kachur Jangam Mhat, situated in Kachur Village, Hanehalli Magany in Udipi Talook.	4 12 9

26. The money allowance, amounting to Rupees 4-12-9, attached to a Jangam Mhat in the Udipi Talook was resumed during the year in consequence of the Trustee of the institution having abandoned the building for a period of twelve years, and the building being now in ruins.

Landed property acquired by Public Servants.

27. During the year under report 28 public servants in the Revenue Department acquired landed property, representing an aggregate assessment of Rupees 1,230-1-4. Of these 13 are persons who have acquired or registered their property for the first time, the rest having added to their former possessions. Most of the property thus acquired was by inheritance. At the same time property, paying an assessment of Rupees 54-15-7, was alienated by five public servants.

Examination of Talook and Village accounts.

28. The Talook accounts are generally well kept, being all drawn up on printed forms. Similar forms have not, however, as yet been supplied to the Village Officers, whose accounts are not quite so well prepared as they should be ; but as the subject of the revision of these accounts, and the compilation of a Manual suited to the peculiarities of this district, is now under consideration it is advisable to defer the supply of printed forms for the present.

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Conduct of Subordinate Officers.

29. The Acting Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Sturrock, has given me his usual hearty and satisfactory aid. The character of Mr. Hall's aid has been much depreciated by unnecessary sensitiveness about his own rights. To this I made no allusion in my last year's report, as I hoped it would wear off with youth. It is the more to be regretted as Mr. Hall is in other respects a well qualified officer. Mr. Weld is as yet necessarily inexperienced, though anxious to be useful. The Treasury Deputy Collector, Mr. J. F. Fernandez, continues invaluable. The Salt Deputy Collector, Mr. Ball, also merits the repetition of my last year's remarks. The Kassergode Tahsildar, Tombat Subba Row, still commands the respect of his talook. The Udipi Tahsildar, Nicholas Brito; the Mangalore Tahsildar, Ankola Balakristappa; and the Uppinangadi Tahsildar, Venkappa Punja, have all done well in different ways.

MANGALORE, (Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
24th August 1869. Acting Collector.

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SETTLEMENT REPORT

OF

MALABAR.

I HAVE the honor to report on the Settlement of the Land and other sources of Revenue in this district for the Fusly ending 30th June 1869, and submit the prescribed Statements.

Sub-division.

Cherekal........................ } Mr. W. Logan.
Kotteyom .... }
Kurumbranad .... }

Head Assistant Collector's Division.

Palghaut..................... } Mr. J. Cameron.
Walluvanad... .... }

Deputy Collector of Wynaad.

Wynaad...... .... Mr. W. E. Underwood.

Deputy Collector, Southern Division.

Ponany................... Churia Kanaran,

2. The settlement of the talooks noted was conducted by the Division Officers, Mr. Logan also undertaking the settlement of the Ernad Talook. The Calicut Talook was settled by Mr. Ballard, and Cochin by Mr. Thomas.

The number of puttahs issued during the year was 1,59,377 against 1,65,364 in the previous year. The new forms of puttahs introduced by Mr. Ballard were distributed during the year, and the decrease is attributable to many of the old cancelled puttahs in the names of deceased individuals not having been replaced, the lands being entered in the puttahs of their successors.

Changes in the tenure and number of Villages.

3. The incorporation of the Tanur with the Rayamangalam Amshom in the Ponany Talook, in accordance with Board's Proceedings, dated 6th May 1868, No. 3,312, was the only change in the number of villages in this district during the year. The tenures remained unaltered.

Season.

4. The south-west monsoon commenced early. The rain-fall in May was scanty, but was copious in June, and continued with intermissions till August. The Kanni crop yielded but an average out-turn. The rather long breaks of clear weather experienced during the south-west monsoon were not favorable to an abundant harvest. There was very little rain in September and the dry crops suffered to some extent in consequence, while the sowing of the Magrom or second crop had to be postponed longer than usual. There was, however, a copious fall of rain in October and November, and the out-turn of the second crop was therefore good.

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The total fall of rain during the year under review is less by 7·40 inches than that of the preceding year.

The average fall of rain in each month during the last four years is shown below:—

Months.	Fall of Rain.			
	1865-66.	1866-67.	1867-68.	1868-69.
April	2·4	0·8$\frac{8}{10}$	1·43	2·65
May	....	1·4$\frac{5}{10}$	9·02	1·41
June	29·6$\frac{4}{10}$	22·8	24·94	49·95
July	39·1	27·2$\frac{4}{10}$	30·99	15·46
August	16 3$\frac{2}{10}$	9·9$\frac{5}{10}$	13·99	8·29
September	2·8$\frac{7}{10}$	4·7$\frac{8}{10}$	9·11	3·80
	90·3$\frac{8}{10}$	67·1	89·48	81·56
October	8·2$\frac{8}{10}$	12·4	6·09	6·46
November	3·4$\frac{6}{10}$	3·3$\frac{8}{10}$	0·66	1·62
December	0·6$\frac{9}{10}$	2·4$\frac{6}{10}$	0·14	....
January	0·6$\frac{5}{10}$	....	0·69	....
February	....	....	....	0·18
March	....	0·5$\frac{4}{10}$	0·27	0·11
	13·$\frac{8}{10}$	18·7$\frac{8}{10}$	7·85	8·37
Total...	103·4$\frac{1}{10}$	85·8$\frac{8}{10}$	97·33	89·93

The accounts of rain-fall for last year, submitted in last Jummahbundy Report, were inaccurate, owing to a clerical error in the amount of rain-fall for July 1867; three inches being entered instead of 30. The fall of rain for that year is correctly given in the present statement.

Sanitary state of the District.

5. The health of the district during the year under notice was, on the whole, remarkably good. No epidemic diseases prevailed to any great extent.

The deaths from cholera and small-pox were far below the number during the previous years, as will be seen from the annexed statement:—

Fuslies.	Cholera.			Small-pox.		
	Cases.	Deaths.	Recovered.	Cases.	Deaths.	Recovered.
1274	21,292	16,532	4,760	4,515	2,279	2,236
1275	28,221	23,328	4,893	3,348	739	2,611
1276	3,791	3,110	681	6,305	1,708	4,597
1277	203	114	89	15,147	3,374	11,773
1278	95	81	14	2,070	745	1,325

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Prices.

	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.	Increase.	Average of last 10 years.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Price of Paddy per garce, 1st sort.	183	206	23	199
Do. do. 2nd sort.	178	189	11	187

6. The prices of grain seem to have slightly risen during the year, owing most probably to the partial failure of the north-east monsoon in other districts, and to the higher prices procurable by the merchants in consequence.

The Board will perceive in Statement No. 2 that in the Walluvanad and Ernad Talooks second sort paddy is quoted at a higher price than first sort. This is attributable to the price of first sort paddy having been fixed during the early part of the year when that paddy was in the market. During the latter half of the year second sort paddy only was available, and the price of it rose to a higher figure than the first sort obtained earlier in the year.

Ryots' holding and cultivation.

7. A Comparative Statement of cultivation and settlement is given below :—

Items.	Last Fusly.		Present Fusly.		Increase.		Decrease.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Dry...	3,87,713	6,00,729 13 7	4,00,897	6,13,543 6 0	13,184	12,814	...	...
Wet...	3,81,832	11,60,448 0 5	3,82,948	11,61,446 8 10	1,116	998	...	...
Total......	7,69,545	17,61,177 14 0	7,83,845	17,74,989 14 10	14,300	13,812	...	...
Add								
Second crop Assessment......	...	... .	......	... ...	......	...	...	...
Additional Assessment...	...	... ...	......	... ...	......	...	...	...
Water Tax	...	... ...	......	... ...	......	...	...	...
Road Fund...	...	53,712 15 11	......	54,167 14 5	......	455	...	...
Village Service Fund.	...	89,433 3 6	......	90,140 4 8	......	707	...	...
Total......	7,69,545	19,04,324 1 5	7,83,845	19,19,298 1 11	14,300	14,974	..	...
Deduct								
Remissions......	...	... ...	......	... ...	......	...	...	...
Road Fund......	...	53,712 15 11	......	54,167 14 5	......	455	...	...
Village Service Fund.	...	89,433 3 6	......	90,140 4 8	......	707	...	...
Other remissions, as particularized in Statement No. 4...	125	11,912 5 5	4,316	12,837 2 1	......	925	...	...
Total......	125	1,55,058 8 10	4,316	1,57,145 5 2	......	2,087	...	...
Remaining Beriz......	7,69,420	17,49,265 8 7	7,79,529	17,62,152 12 9	......	12,887	...	...
Add Miscellaneous items.........	...	9,159 15 8	......	1,01,845 1 0	.....	92,686	...	...
Total......	7,69,420	17,58,425 8 3	7,79,529	18,63,997 13 9	......	1,05,573	...	...

The extent, as the Board are aware, is only shown approximately in the above statement. It shows an increase of 14,300 Acres over the total extent of land cultivated during Fusly 1277. This increase in the area of cultivation is owing to the early setting in of the monsoon which encouraged ryots to extend their dry cultivation. The total demand of the Land Revenue of the year is Rupees 18,63,997, and exceeds that of the last year by Rupees 1,05,573. This is mainly attributable to Rupees 89,425 net sale proceeds of escheat lands for the official year, from April 1869, having been included in the "Miscellaneous items" under Circular of the Accountant General,

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dated 31st May 1869, No. 1,391. The Ryotwary demand of the year is composed of the following items :—

	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Demand on wet lands in Fusly 1277.........				11,51,331	14	5			
Add Resumptions of remissions in Fusly 1278........	7,673	4	4						
Add new cultivation	2,441	6	1						
				10,114	10	5			
				11,61,446	8	10			
Deduct Remissions in Fusly 1278............				3,969	4	4			
				Net Wet...			11,57,477	4	6
Demand on dry lands in Fusly 1277				5,97,933	10	2			
Add Resumptions of remissions in Fusly 1278........	115	1	9						
Add new cultivation..........	85,697	12	4						
				85,812	14	1			
				6,83,746	8	3			
Deduct lands given up ...	70,203	2	3						
Also Remissions in Fusly 1278........................	8,867	13	9						
				79,071	0	0			
				Net Dry...			6,04,675	8	3
				Total....			17,62,152	12	9

Waste remitted and waste charged.

8. As usual no remissions were allowed in the case of lands left uncultivated. The extent of the waste charged was 5,587 Acres, assessed at Rupees 2,946, being less than the quantity charged last year by 1,916 Acres.

Grant of Cowles.

9. The number of fresh cowles issued during the Fusly was 44 for 59 Acres of dry and 160 Acres of wet lands. A correct estimate of the revenue derivable from the dry lands, under which are included garden lands, cannot at present be given in consequence of the system of Tree tax prevailing in this district. The revenue from the wet lands will in all probability be Rs. 250.

Remissions.

10. Statement No. 4 regarding remissions shows a net decrease of Rupees 6,346 under occasional remissions, attributable to there having been but a small amount of shavy during the year.

Increase.

	RS.
2. Land lord's share of escheat lands sold..............	868
9. Gardens found unproductive on Pymash	6,180

• The increase under the two items of Fixed remissions, marginally noted, is attributable in the first item to the progress made in the collections on account of the sales of escheat lands; the rule being that the payment of Jenmabhogam to Government should cease on the collection of half the purchase money, and in the second to the relinquishment by its owners of 4,032 Acres of coffee land in Wynaad. The other items of fixed remissions call for no particular remark.

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Collection.

11. The following is a Comparative Statement of collections on account of Land and sundry sources of Revenue:—

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.		
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS	RS.
Land Revenue.								
Permanently settled ...	5,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	10,000	15,000	5,000	...
Shrotriem Jody, etc....	420	2,419	[2,839	134	2,500	2,634	......	205
Ryotwary	55,193	17,06,686	17,61,879	38,319	17,20,679	17,58,998	......	2,881
Miscellaneous	2,010	9,160	11,170	...	1,01,845	1,01,845	90,675	...
Total...	62,623	17,23,265	17,85,888	43,453	18,35,024	18,78,477	95,675	3,086
Abkarry	...	1,84,896	1,84,896	1,092	1,81,537	1,82,629	......	2,267
Salt	...	8,47,037	8,47,037	...	9,22,732	9,22,732	75,695	...
Sea Customs	...	94,531	94,531	...	1,42,942	1,42,942	48,411	...
Land Customs	...	9,956	9,956	...	9,586	9,586	......	370
Stamps	...	4,73,448	4,73,448	...	4,80,038	4,80,038	6,590	...
Income Tax	...	......	......	...	1,574	1,574	1,574	...
License Ttax	...	17,172	17,172	...	21,676	21,676	4,504	...
Total...	62,623	33,50,305	34,12,928	44,545	35,95,109	36,39,654	2,449	5,723

It will be observed that the aggregate collections under the several heads of Revenue named above amounted to Rupees 36,39,654, and exceed those of the previous year by Rupees 2,26,726. The collections bear a percentage of 99 to the demand of the year.

Land Revenue.

12. It will be seen that the collections under Land Revenue show a net increase of Rupees 92,589. The increase under the head Permanently settled is due to the payment by Sultan Ali Rajah of Rupees 5,000 on account of arrears, in addition to the usual kist collected during the year.

Under the head Miscellaneous the increase is due to the collections on account of the sales of escheats having been, as already stated, credited to Land Revenue in Fusly 1278; whereas in former years they were carried to deposits.

The entries against the item "Shrotriem Jody, etc.," are erroneous. I regret to report that the Board's instructions regarding the crediting of Quit-rent on sundry Inams to Land Revenue, Miscellaneous, have not been attended to. Orders, however, have been issued for the correct preparation of the accounts during the current year.

Abkarry.

13. Exhibits a decrease of Rupees 2,267, which is owing to the absence of much competition at the auction.

Salt.

14. The collections under Salt show an increase of Rupees 75,695, ascribable to larger

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sales having been effected on discount to merchants carrying salt to Coimbatore, and to more salt having been purchased at Cannanore and Tellicherry for export to Mysore and Coorg.

The quantity of salt purchased during the year amounted to 5,18,746 Indian Maunds against 5,58,437 Indian Maunds during the previous Fusly. The decrease is owing to the stock on hand at the beginning of the Fusly having been considerable.

The salt was chiefly imported from Bombay; small quantities were brought from Goa, Damann, and Tuticorin, which were generally of inferior quality. The prices paid averaged Rs. 55-11-0 per garce. The charges (Rs. 2,47,803) bear to the gross collections (Rs. 9,22,731) a percentage of 26¾.

Sea Customs.

15. Show an increase of Rupees 48,411, mainly due to large shipments of cocoanut oil from Cochin to English ports.

Land Customs.

16. The small decrease observable under Land Customs calls for no remark.

Stamps.

17. The collections under Stamps show an increase of Rupees 6,590, owing to increased litigation.

License Tax.

18. The increase of Rupees 4,504 under this tax is due to large outstanding arrears of the previous year having been collected during the Fusly.

19. The new Act (IX. of 1869) came into operation on the 1st April last, and the collections made on account of it amounted to Rupees 1,574.

Balances.

20. The uncollected balances of the year amounted to Rupees 56,512-3-11, of which Rupees 9,657-9-2 appertain to Fuslies prior to 1278. A detailed statement showing the old balances is annexed:—

	Fusly 1272.			Fusly 1273.			Fusly 1274.			Fusly 1275.			Fusly 1276.			Fusly 1277.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Calicut	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	5	10	24	9	6	36	15	4
Ponany	16	7	0	2	0	0	6	2	10	88	6	11	665	7	6	248	0	11	1,026	9	2
Palghaut	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	9	10	7	8	0	262	13	6	268	9	1	545	8	5
Wynaad	...	...	...	...	...	...	140	0	0	180	0	0	1,890	2	6	5,607	4	11	7,817	7	5
Cochin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	12	8	25	8	8	25	8	9	98	14	1
Total ...	16	7	0	2	0	0	152	12	8	323	11	7	2,856	6	0	6,174	1	2	9,525	6	5
Add Abkarry arrears	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	132	2	9
Total...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,657	9	2

Of the above Rupees 733-1-11 were remitted in Board's Proceedings, dated 17th June 1869, No. 4,345, and Rupees 267-1-4 were collected up to August last, leaving a balance yet uncollected of Rupees 8,657-5-4. Of this sum I request sanction to strike Rupees 2,064-7-4 off the

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accounts as irrecoverable, owing in some cases to the poverty of the ryots, and to some of them having left the district without informing us of their whereabouts, and in a few cases to over-assessment caused by mistakes in the accounts.

Orders have been issued for the speedy realization of the remainder. Almost all the arrears of Fusly 1272 and 1273 have been collected.

Rupees 46,854-10-9 of the balance appertains purely to the demand of Fusly 1278; of this Rupees 22,245-8-8 have been collected since the close of the Fusly. The bulk* of the arrears still uncollected appertains to Wynaad.

* Rupees 20,928-3-5.

Extent to which Coercive process was employed in the collection of Revenue.

21. In thirty-two cases it was found necessary to have recourse to coercive measures to recover Government assessment to the extent of Rupees 6,127 in the talooks marginally noted. Immoveable property was distrained and sold in the Ponany and Wynaad Talooks.

Ernad.
Palghaut.
Wynaad.
Ponany.

Charges.

22. The charges of the year amount to Rupees 5,43,012-5-9 against Rupees 5,76,471-8-0 of Fusly 1277, showing a decrease of Rupees 33,459 and a proportion of 15 per cent. to the gross collections. The decrease is due chiefly to the smaller purchases of salt made during the year, as stated in paragraph 14 of this report, and to the slight reduction in the price paid during the year. Under Land Revenue the increase of Rupees 2,736 on account of salaries of Collectors, etc., and of Rupees 3,915 drawn as tentage, etc., by them, is due to changes in the staff of officers.

The increase in the Huzoor and Talook establishment of Rupees 2,365 is partially owing to the arrears of pay of Amshom servants having been fully disbursed, and partly to the entertainment of the two additional hands in the permanent establishment of the Ponany Talook, entailing an expenditure of 600 Rupees per annum— *Vide* Government Order, 25th June 1868, No. 1,785. The decrease in the contingent charges amounting to Rupees 6,321, is owing to the cost of the escheat establishment not having been debited to this minor head during the year under review, under instructions marginally noted, as was the case for some months in last Fusly.

Vide Proceedings, dated 21st October 1867, No. 6,864. paragraph 8,

The refunds under License Tax for sums erroneously collected show a decrease of Rs. 2,576. The Sea Customs contingencies exhibit again a decrease of Rupees 1,366, which is attributable to no large refunds having been found necessary during the year under notice. The decrease of Rupees 10,372 in the item of Salt contingencies is owing to the sum annually paid to the Travancore and Cochin States, under the Interportal Convention on account of wastage of salt imported into those territories, having been by the direction of the Accountant General transferred from this head in this Fusly to "Allowances and Assignments, etc.," as per his letter, dated 28th July 1868, No. 2,295.

Examination of Talook and Village accounts.

23. The Talook and Village accounts have been scrutinized by the respective officers at the settlement, and are reported to be correctly and properly kept.

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24. The particulars of landed property acquired by Revenue servants in the district during the year are given below:—

Name and designation of servants.	District and Talook in which lands are situated.	Lands acquired.						How acquired.
		Measurement.			Revenue.			
		ACS.	AS.	A.	RS.	A.	P.	
1. Perinkolum Gramom Krishna Patter, Palghaut Tahsildar.	Malabar, Palghaut Talook.	14	13	12	13	2	5	By purchase.
2. Chalaprath Karunagara Menon, Kotteyom Tahsildar.	Malabar, Ernad Talook.	19	1	13	55	5	7	
3. Kanegath Ramen Menon, Kurumbranad Talook, 1st Goomastah.	Malabar, Walluvanad Talook.	4	0	1	10	8	2	

Remarks on the conduct of the Officers.

25. As I only joined the district after the close of the Fusly no remarks of mine on the conduct of the subordinate Officers and Tahsildars seem necessary.

CALICUT,
7th September 1869.

(Signed) A. McC. WEBSTER,
Officiating Collector.

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SUB-COLLECTORATE.

I HAVE the honor to report on the Settlement of the Sub-division for Fusly 1278.

2. The settlement was commenced on the 27th January, and completed on 28th April 1869 by myself. In the interval I also conducted the settlement of the Ernad Talook.

3. The puttahs were distributed at the following places:—

Talook	Places	Number of days spent in each Talook
1. Cherekal......	1. Oodayamkunnu 2. Payangadi...... 3. Kawayi .... 4. Taliparamba...	Number of days spent in each Talook, 18.
2. Kotteyom. ...	1. Gannavom...... 2. Chavacherry... 3. Kootuparamba. 4. Tellicherry ...	Do. do. 12.
3. Kurumbranad	1. Naduvanoor ... 2. Quilandy... ... 3. Payoli... ... ... 4. Tiruvallur ... 5. Badagara... ...	Do. do. 13.

4. No alteration in the tenure nor transfers of Amshoms have been made in the year under report.

5. As ordered by the Board, (vide Memorandum, No. 1,206, dated 3rd December 1866,) Puttah books were this year introduced; 40,437 puttahs were distributed. Of these 1,183 were fresh puttahs entirely, or transferred from one man to another, and 1,285 were transferred to heirs of deceased holders.

6. The rain-fall was very much less than in the last year, and also less than the average of the last five years, as will be seen from the following comparative statement:—

Talooks.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Average of last five years.		
	Measures.	Inches.	Tenths.	Measures.	Inches.	Tenths.	Measures.	Inches.	Tenths.
1. Cherekal....................	270	1	0	127	4	9	225	9	5
2. Kotteyom	266	8	1	133	5	7	234	7	9
3. Kurumbranad...	285	9	2	139	3	2	233	1	7

The diminished rain-fall did not seriously affect the crops; there were no complaints.

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7. The following is a return of the small-pox and cholera cases reported in the Sub-division. In respect of cholera the season was comparatively healthy:—

Talooks.	Division.	Cholera.			Small-pox.			Total.		
		At-tacked.	Cured.	Died.	At-tacked.	Cured.	Died.	At-tacked.	Cured.	Died.
1. Cherekal.	1. Taliparamba...	4	1	3	5	5	...	9	6	3
	2. Cherekal	38	9	29	345	268	77	383	277	106
	3. Cannanore......	4	3	1	108	89	19	112	92	20
2. Kotteyom.	1. Tellicherry....	...	...	...	6	6	...	6	6	...
	2. Kotteyom......	...	...	...	41	30	11	41	30	11
	3. Chavacherry...	1	...	1	9	8	1	10	8	2
3. Kurumbranad.	1. Kurumbranad.	1	...	1	42	24	18	43	24	19
	2. Quilandy... ...	1	...	1	191	137	54	192	137	55
	Total...	49	13	36	747	567	180	796	580	216
	Fusly 1277...	72	46	26	7,987	6,160	1,827	8,059	6,206	1,853

8. The price of paddy was higher than in last year, but less than the average of the last five years.

	First sort paddy, per garce.		
	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277..	188	10	3
,, 1278..	215	4	7
Average of five years....................................	242	13	1

9. The result of the settlement is an increase in the Land Revenue demand of Rs. 8,908-7-3, as the following statement shows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277..	5,08,119	3	8
,, 1278..	5,17,027	10	11
Increase......	8,908	7	3

10. The following are the particulars of increase and decrease under various items:—

WET LANDS.

Increase.

	RS.	A.	P.
By resumption of remissions..	187	11	9
By assessment of various lands..	154	3	6
Do. of Cowle lands..	271	12	5
Total...	613	11	8

Decrease.

	RS.	A.	P.
Remission of assessment on lands waste........................	209	14	11
Do. do. do. flooded........................	128	2	3
Do. do. on land taken for road........................	0	5	3
Do. do. on lands planted with trees..	0	13	4
Do. do. on lands over-assessed........................	1	14	4
Net remission on lands temporarily taken up........................	67	13	9
Remission of Shistom rent on escheat lands sold........................	306	1	9
Total...	715	1	7
Net Decrease...	101	5	11

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DRY LANDS.

	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Comparison. Increase.			Comparison. Decrease.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Ellu	1,114	8	0	1,952	2	2	837	10	2	...	...	...
Moden	4,592	7	5	4,888	12	2	296	4	9	...	...	...
Punom	15,830	5	1	·16,987	13	2	1,157	8	1	...	...	...
Pallial	686	2	3	671	11	8	...	...	...	14	6	7
Total...	22,223	6	9	24,500	7	2	2,291	7	0	14	6	7
Net...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,277	0	5	...	...	...
Lands assessed at 6 Annas per acre.	3,735	3	4	3,745	14	9	10	11	5	...	...	...
Grand Total...	25,958	10	1	28,246	5	11	2,287	11	10	...	...	...

GARDEN LANDS.

Increase.

	RS.	A.	P.
New trees brought under assessment..................	1,168	11	7
Assessment on trees in Cowle gardens..................	323	0	5
Do. do. in old gardens reclaimed.........	369	9	8
Remission resumed............	37	4	9
Increase found on the completion of Garden register.	0	12	10
Total...	1,899	7	3

Decrease.

	RS.	A.	P.
Remission of assessment on unfruitful trees	53	0	4
Temporary remission on account of fallen trees, etc.	6	3	9
Decrease of interest for which there is no particular.	0	4	0
Remission of Shistom (rent) on sale of escheats......	116	11	9
Total...	176	3	10
Net Increase...	1,723	3	5

Net increase on dry and garden..........................				4,010	15	3
Net decrease on wet....................	101	5	11			
Do. do. on Inam Jody.............	1	2	1			
				102	8	0
Net Increase...				3,908	7	3
Increase in the Fusly demand on account of alteration of Cannanore Carar Dann kist, as per Proceedings of Board, No. 967, dated 8th February 1868. This is a matter of account only......				5,000	0	0
Grand Total...				8,908	7	3

Of the above net increase of Rupees 3,908-7-3, which represents the progress of cultivation in the division, nearly one-half is a permanent increase to the garden assessment. There is a

tendency to plant cocoanut trees rather than make paddy fields; for while the wet land demand remains about the same the garden assessment maintains a steady increase as shown below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1275	2,558	5	10
,, 1276	2,083	2	11
,, 1277	1,701	11	3
,, 1278	1,723	3	5

The increase under "Dry lands" is not a permanent demand. This cultivation fluctuates to a great extent with the nature of the season.

11. There is a decrease of Rupees 10-6-6 in the Amshom Service Fund this year.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277..	4,732	12	6
,, 1278..	4,722	6	0
Net Decrease...	10	6	6

This fund is collected only in part of Kurumbranad Talook, and varies with the Land Revenue demand of that portion of the division, the old Kurumbranad Talook.

12. There is an increase of Rupees 132-6-0 in District Road Fund over that of the preceding year, consequent on the increased Land Revenue demand.

	RS.	A.	P.
Fusly 1277..	15,699	3	1
,, 1278..	15,831	9	1
Net Increase...	132	6	0

13. The Land Revenue demand was less by Rupees 1,777-0-6 than the average of the last five years. In Fusly 1276 six Amshoms, with a demand of Rupees 18,000 odd, were transferred from Kurumbranad Talook to Calicut. If that sum is deducted from the Kurumbranad Talook demand for Fusly 1273-74, and an average struck, this year's demand is Rupees 5,513-14-6 higher than the average.

Fuslies.	Cherekal.			Kotteyom.			Kurumbranad.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1273	1,92,403	7	5	94,014	10	6	2,24,498	0	11	5,10,916	2	10
1274	1,94,023	7	8	96,190	15	5	2,26,493	3	9	5,16,707	10	10
1275	1,94,180	14	7	96,851	3	7	2,04,810	3	2	4,95,842	5	4
1276	1,95,090	12	4	96,480	15	3	2,05,866	3	2	4,97,437	14	9
1277	1,95,558	11	8	96,353	4	0	2,06,207	3	1	4,98,119	2	9
Total...	9,71,257	5	8	4,79,891	0	9	10,67,874	14	1	25,19,023	4	6
Average........................	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...	5,03,804	10	6
1278	1,97,025	4	4	98,610	10	0	2,06,391	11	8	5,02,027	10	0
Decrease...	......	...	...	......	...	...	......	...	...	1,777	0	6

14. There is neither increase nor decrease under the head of Abkarry, as the farms were for the Fusly at the previous year's rates.

	RS.
Fusly 1277..	58,930
,, 1278..	58,930

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15. The ferry farms were let at Rupees 3,352 less than the last year. The decrease was in Kotteyom and Kurumbranad Talooks.

	RS.
Fusly 1277	33,352
,, 1278	30,000
Decrease...	3,352

16. The following table shows the Revenue under all heads:—

	Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.			Net. Increase.			Net. Decrease.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Land Revenue.	Wet	2,63,143	12	8	2,63,042	6	9	...	...	...	101	5	11
	Dry	25,958	10	1	28,246	5	11	2,287	11	10	...	...	...
	Garden	2,08,067	12	1	2,09,790	15	6	1,723	3	5	...	...	...
	Cannanore Carar	10,000	0	11	15,000	0	11	5,000	0	0	...	...	...
	Total	5,07,170	3	9	5,16,079	13	1	9,010	15	3	101	5	11
	Inam Jody	948	15	11	947	13	10	...	...	...	1	2	1
	Total...	5,08,119	3	8	5,17,027	10	11	9,010	15	3	102	8	0
Miscellaneous.	Amshom Service Fund	4,732	12	6	4,722	6	0	...	...	...	10	6	6
	Road Fund	15,699	3	1	15,831	9	1	132	6	0	...	...	...
	Abkarry	59,001	6	4	59,001	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Ferry	33,352	0	0	30,000	0	0	...	...	...	3,352	0	0
	Grand Total...	6,20,904	9	7	6,26,583	0	4	9,143	5	3	3,464	14	6
	Net Increase ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,678	6	9	...	...	...

17. Sevoy Jummah collected in this year amounts only to Annas 2.

18. The interest account exhibits a sum of Rupees 49-8-5.

Items.	Fusly 1277.			Fusly 1278.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
On the arrears of Land Revenue	151	4	6	36	5	7
Do. Abkarry	0	13	4	...	...	...
Do. Ferry	28	11	8	13	2	10
Total...	180	13	6	49	8	5
Decrease...	...	...	...	131	5	1

19. Out of the total demand of Rupees 6,26,583-0-4 of the Fusly Rupees 6,21,074-0-1 have been collected within the Fusly, leaving a balance of 5,509-0-3. Of the balance Rs. 5,000-0-11 is due by Sultan Ali Rajah of Cannanore, to whom an extension of time for the payment up to the 1st August was granted by you—See your letter, No. 1,427, dated 24th June 1869. The remaining, Rupees 508-15-4, is due by Franjee Ruttonjee, Contractor of Agalapoya and other ferries in Kurumbranad, for Fusly 1277—*Vide* Proceedings of the Board, No. 3,781, dated 20th May 1868. There is some hope of this amount being at last realised.

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20. The Talook and Amshom accounts were examined and found correct.

21. Except the Tahsildar of Kotteyom, Karunagara Menon, who acquired 19 Acres, 1 Anna, and 13 Amshoms of land in Ernad Talook on Jenm right for Rupees 7,500, and Kanegath Ramen Menon, Head Goomastah of Kurumbranad Talook, who acquired 4 Acres and 1¼ Amshom of land in Walluvanad Talook for 1,125 Rupees, 11 Annas, and 5 Pies, no Revenue Officers in the Sub-division have acquired any landed property during the year under report.

22. The conduct of the Revenue subordinate Officers during the year has been, on the whole, satisfactory. Karunagara Menon, Tahsildar of Kotteyom, displayed more zeal than he did last year, but he still trusts too much to his subordinates and does not look sufficiently after matters himself.

23. I resided in my Division during 273 days out of the 365 days in the year.

MANATHANA,
16th August 1869.

(Signed) W. LOGAN,
Sub-Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) P. A. COLE,
Depy., for Offg. Collector.

APPENDIX A.

I HAVE the honor to report on certain points connected with the Settlement of Ernad Talook for Fusly 1278, which I conducted under instructions from your predecessor—*Vide* letter, No. 164, dated 14th January 1869.

2. My Sheristadar commenced reviewing the accounts from 9th March, and I commenced the distribution of puttahs on the 15th and the Jummahbundy was completed on 8th April.

3. Puttahs were distributed at the following places:—

1. Tricolom.
2. Kottakel.
3. Manjary.
4. Vandoor.
5. Arikode.
6. Kundotty.

4. The Talook and Amshom accounts were examined. In the Stamp account of the Talook there was an item showing that a stamp paper for Rupees 35 was in the Talook Treasury. A. B. Muchilka had been executed on it and sent to Huzoor on the 31st October 1865, as shown by the record. An order is required for striking off this item from the Talook accounts. In the Treasury account a sum of Rupees 108-12-11 was entered as a deposit in the Talook Treasury on the 1st April 1869. Of this sum Rupees 50 was the balance amount of salaries to be distributed to Talook servants, and Rupees 57-4-11 was part of certain compensation to be paid for lands taken for roads. The non-payment of the latter amount (Rupees 57-4-11) was owing to disputes between parties entitled to the compensation. This sum has been lying in the Treasury for four years. The remaining Rupee 1-8-0 is the produce of the sale of cholera medicines. This has been lying in deposit for more than three years. The above two items should be credited to the Treasury. These were the only points calling for remarks with regard to the accounts.

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